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Activists to oppose S. African press plan

JOHANNESBURG, July 23. (AP): Journalists, businessmen and anti-apartheid activists met last night and said they would call for international and domestic protests against a government plan to require registration of journalists beginning July 31.

The broadly worded regulations, published June 10, say anyone carrying out "news-agency" business must register with the government or face a 10-year prison term or a \$10,000 fine.

Lawyers have said the definition of a "news agency" is so wide that major commercial papers that exchange stories, church and political groups that publish newsletters, and businesses that issue regular press statements on their operations could be included if the government so desired.

South Africa's largest news agency, the South African Press Association, and all major international agencies, including the Associated Press, are specifically exempted from the regulations.

But "stringers" and "freelancers," local journalists who supply news to some of the world's major newspapers and news agencies, are required to register if they work for more than one employer. Most do.

Journalists who register under the regulations could later be struck off the registration list by Home Affairs Minister Stoess Botha, who would have the power to prevent such a person from working again in any journalistic position. His decisions can be made without a hearing and are not subject to appeal.

Anton Harber, co-editor of the weekly Mail, which the government has threatened with closure, said a wide spectrum of the agencies or groups that might be affected by a broad interpretation of the regulations should "say publicly we will not register."

Bangladesh, Pakistan improving ties

DHAKA, July 23. (Reuter): Bangladesh and Pakistan say they are forging closer economic and political ties after burying past bitterness.

Pakistani Minister for Commerce, Finance, Planning and Development Dr Mabbubul Haq said today that Islamabad would expand its trade, propose joint industrial ventures and extend credits to Dhaka to boost their relations.

To promote their goodwill, the two countries have decided to sidestep the thorny question of sharing assets held by them until 1971 in the former undivided Pakistan.

Sharing of assets had been a major irritant since Bangladesh broke away from Pakistan after a civil war 17 years ago. Dhaka has demanded billions of dollars as part of its share from the former central government resources.

"The only asset we have discussed about is the asset of goodwill that two of us have," Haq, now on a visit to Bangladesh, told a news conference.

Haq announced on Friday that Pakistan would give Bangladesh \$50 million in soft credit, 100,000 tonnes of cement and 30,000 tonnes of sugar.

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Cases filed against Nagorno-Karabakh activists**Soviets disciplining strikers**

MOSCOW, July 23. (Reuter): Soviet authorities have started disciplining the directors of strike-bound enterprises and taking others to court in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Soviet and Azerbaijani prosecutors "intend to restore public order and labour discipline, to sue their powers fully," Arkady Boresky, a department head in the Soviet general prosecutor's office, was quoted as saying yesterday.

Instigating

"(Communist) Party, Soviet and other enterprises are undertaking measures for installing order and stabilising the situation," Tass news agency reported Boresky as saying.

But the measures have not yet had much effect. Soviet television acknowledged showing film of deserted streets in Stepanakert, capital of the predominantly Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan.

The rebel region has continued a two-month-old strike this week despite a Kremlin rejection of its request to be united with Armenia and warnings from Moscow of a crackdown on

unrest and strikes.

Tass said that a criminal investigation had been opened against the director of a publishing house in Nagorno-Karabakh for insuring a work stoppage there.

Other executives have been sued by prosecutors claiming damage from lost production during strikes.

Disciplinary action was taken against the chief of the Stepanakert train station, Tass said, indicating he might be reprimanded or transferred.

Similar moves were being considered against the directors of other enterprises, the report said.

It added that more than 100 people in Nagorno-Karabakh, dismissed recently for reasons related to the ethnic tension in the region, had now been reinstated.

Arrest

Tass did not give the nationality of those reinstated, but Soviet media have reported that some Azerbaijanis were sacked from their jobs in predominantly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh.

Authorities also have moved this week to quell unrest in Armenia, where sympathizers

with Nagorno-Karabakh have been involved in strikes and protests.

On Thursday, the arrest of six people in connection with the unrest was announced by the Soviet media. And on Wednesday an Armenian nationalist was ordered expelled from the country.

But strikes continued yesterday in Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia.

"Very many factories are not working today," an Armenian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. He said the strike was called at a mass rally in Yerevan on Thursday evening.

Reform

Meanwhile, the ruling Soviet politburo has discussed suggestions for sweeping political reform in preparation for a plenum of the party central committee, Pravda said today.

Well-informed Soviet sources expect the plenum to convene in Moscow on July 29 with the task of translating into concrete measures a programme for deep political reform put forward by a party conference three weeks ago.

Pravda said the politburo

meeting on Thursday discussed the conference proposals and reviewed a series of documents to be discussed at the plenum.

The 13-man politburo also discussed measures to improve supplies of food and consumer goods, a top priority goal on Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's agenda for change.

The party conference, the first such gathering in 47 years, proposed among other reforms a power-sharing arrangement between government and the party under which Gorbachev could become President.

Plenums have the power to replace members of the politburo, and the conference heard calls for the removal of current President Andrei Gromyko and party control chief Mikhail Solomin, who are identified with the pre-Gorbachev era.

But analysts said the central committee was unlikely to make such moves before the revised Soviet political system was operational.

Analysts expect changes in the party apparatus to proceed during the autumn and a new parliament to be elected next spring.



Surrounded by a crowd, Dukakis (left) and his running mate Bentsen kick off their campaign in Houston. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dukakis launches presidential campaign

WASHINGTON, July 23. (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis has begun his campaign for the White House in a symbolic trip to his running mate's home ground and a blast at George Bush, the Republican nominee-to-be.

Dukakis, a day after accepting the Democratic nomination, said the vice president and other Republicans, "wouldn't know a balanced budget if it hit them in the face."

"The Republicans are all confused—they don't know what to make of this ticket," Dukakis said after arriving in Texas, which is the home state of running mate Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, as well as Bush's adopted home state.

Differences

The candidates left on their campaign stump with praise from Jesse Jackson, but the black civil rights leader who was Dukakis' strongest Democratic rival said his followers will be ready to turn up the "street heat" to make sure the nominees follow the Jackson agenda.

"You ask us to trust you," Jackson said to Dukakis and Bentsen. "All that we can ask of anyone is that they not betray our immigrant roots."

"And now we are the nominees—the son of immigrants and the grandson of immigrants," he told them. "That's America, my friends."

Cholera toll rises

NEW DELHI, July 23. (Reuter): Fourteen people died of cholera in New Delhi today, raising the death toll in the capital's epidemic to 118, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Officials said nearly 270 suspected victims were admitted to hospital during the day.

NEWS IN BRIEF**Nico dies**

IBIZA, Spain, July 23. (UPI): German singer "Nico," favourite muse of the late pop artist Andy Warhol, died of a brain haemorrhage July 18, hospital sources said today.

Nico, whose real name was Christa Paffgen, was found unconscious on Monday afternoon near her bicycle on a road to a beach on the Mediterranean resort island of Ibiza.

She was picked up by a passing car and taken to the Cannes-Niños Hospital, a spokesman at the hospital said today. She died of a brain haemorrhage, apparently caused by a fall, he said.

Indian monsoons

BOMBAY, July 23. (Reuter): Seven people died and six were injured when an overnight landslide crushed huts in a Bombay slum, police said today.

Debris was still being cleared and at least two more people were believed to be trapped, they said.

The landslide, following a week of torrential rains over the Arabian Sea port city, brought to 236 the known death toll from the monsoon rains sweeping India.

Heat wave

BEIJING, July 23. (UPI): More than 20 million workers have been sent to water crops withering under a killer heat wave that has claimed more than 510 lives and scorched southern China in one of the worst droughts of the century, news reports said today.

In Shanghai, officials said 42 more people have died, bringing the number of deaths due to blazing temperatures to 113 in China's most populous city, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Ship missing

MANILA, July 23. (UPI): A Liberian-owned cargo vessel with 25 Filipino crew members aboard has been missing in the Indian Ocean for nearly three weeks, shipping officials reported.

Rene Aguirre, spokesman for the ship's owners, said the MV Singa Sea made its last known radio call on July 3, but the crew did not indicate there were any problems.

S. African violence

PRETORIA, July 23. (AP): Police investigating two murders shot and killed two black men when the police fired on a crowd that had shot at them, according to an official report today.

Fourteen men were arrested at Mealmala after the shooting ended, the daily police unrest report said. Police went there to investigate two stabbing deaths in Zululand, they said.

No solution seen to Anglican row over women's ordination

CANTERBURY, England, July 23. (Reuter): After a week of prayers and debate in their spiritual home, Anglican leaders are no nearer a solution to their rift over women's ordination.

The issue threatens to split the 70-million-strong Anglican communion, the world's second largest Christian community after Roman Catholicism, and has turned this Lambeth conference into the most crucial and controversial ever held.

Walsh was appointed by a panel of judges to investigate the Iran-Contra case and is independent of the Justice Department. Jim Wiegert, Walsh's spokesman, said he could not comment on specifics of the investigations.

But the indictment of the former CIA official Joseph Fernandez and unidentified co-conspirators indicated that Walsh has expanded his investigation to an operation to organise a private arms supply network for the Nicaraguan rebels.

The reverend Nan Peete became the first woman priest ever to address a Lambeth conference, which first convened at the Archbishop of Canterbury's London residence of Lambeth Palace in 1867.

"To many of you I am a phenomenon, to others I am a familiar sight and to others I am a contradiction in terms," Peete, 50, rector of a church in Indianapolis, told the bishops.

Bishops are to vote on Aug. 1, after resolutions are drawn up next week.

The Anglican church, founded in 1534 when Henry VIII rejected Rome's authority to divorce his first wife, has no central authority—and thus the issue can only be resolved by a compromise.

Bishops in New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, Brazil and Australia have already ordained more than 1,000 women priests and are now pressing to ordain some of them as bishops.

In other parts, bishops have threatened to join the more traditional Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches if women are ordained priests.

The bloody events of March and June show the lack of trust in the government and the party that guides it," he said.

In a 30-minute address which he described as "maybe my last speech to you," Ne Win said a referendum should be held in September to decide whether people wanted a one-party or a multi-party system. He said he wanted to resign irrespective of the outcome of the referendum.

"Because I believe I am indirectly responsible for the tragic events of March and June, and because of my old age, I wish to request the party members to permit me to resign as the party chairman as well as from the party party," he said.

The one-party system enshrined in the constitution was imposed after the 1962 military takeover and described as the "Burma way to socialism."

It led the 38 million Burmese down an economic slide from a once-wealthy rice-growing state into one of the world's poorest.

Western diplomats said even if Ne Win did step down from his formal post, the reclusive leader who has wielded absolute power for a generation was likely to maintain a strong influence in running the country.

The congress, which is resuming on Sunday, was expected to agree on economic reforms to aimed at loosening state control and opening up to more foreign investment and co-operation with foreign firms.

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Syrian troops tighten security

BEIRUT, July 23. (Agencies): Syrian troops stepped up security around their bases in Lebanon today, one day after a car bomb detonated near one of their intelligence stations in West Beirut, killing 10 people and wounding 51.

Syrian soldiers manning sandbagged checkpoints thoroughly frisked motorists from parking vehicles near Syrian Army bases in an apparent effort to avoid further car bomb attacks.

A police officer said the Syrians also prevented motorists from parking vehicles near Syrian Army bases in an apparent effort to avoid further car bomb attacks.

Speaker Hussein Husseini is expected to set a date for the 76 surviving members of the 99-seat House to meet and elect a successor to the 46-year-old Maronite leader.

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Italian film director Franco Zeffirelli and Elizabeth Taylor at a news conference at Zeffirelli's home in Rome. (Reuter wirephoto)

Liz vows to step up AIDS campaign

ROME, July 23, (Reuter): Actress Elizabeth Taylor announced that she intended to devote her time to campaigning for AIDS research and helping victims of the disease.

Taylor, 56, was speaking at a news conference about her return to the screen — after a seven-year absence — in a Franco Zeffirelli film about the early career of the late Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini.

She plays Russian soprano Nadin Bulisicov, with whom Toscanini falls in love, in the \$16-million joint Italian-French production of "The Young Toscanini," due for release in September.

Taylor said the most important thing in her life now was the American Foundation for AIDS Research she founded in September 1985 and which she said had raised \$12 million so far.

"I don't really like being famous but I thought that if using my name could do some good and could be of some benefit it is worth it," she said.

"If a script comes along that I really like then I will do it, but now my life is for AIDS. It's the most important thing I am involved in."

NPA raids power station and hospital

Filipino rebels escalate violence

MANILA, July 23, (AP): Communist guerrillas attacked a power station in a southern town for the second time and raided a hospital in the northern Philippines in separate incidents during the past week, military and news reports said today.

About 40 New People's Army rebels sprayed the electric power substation in the town of Iudela with rifle fire Thursday, destroying four transformers and 45 voltage regulators, the military said.

The attack brought to seven the number of towns plunged into darkness in Misamis Occidental province, about 770 kilometres southeast of Manila, since the rebels' first assault on the substation a day earlier, a military official from the region said.

Lieut. Col. Teofisto Salcedo,

Tunisia pardons prisoners

TUNIS, July 23, (AP): President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali has granted pardons to 932 prisoners, including 180 men charged with political crimes, the official Tunisian news agency reported.

The pardons were granted to mark Eid Al Adha, the religious feast that follows the end of the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, and the anniversary of Tunisia's declaration of independence, to be celebrated Sunday and Monday, TAP reported.

Pardons were granted to people convicted in nine separate political affairs, but did not include a group accused last November by Interior Minister Habib Ammar of plotting terrorist actions.

It also did not include a "hard core" of people convicted of membership in the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Islamic Tendency Movement, said TAP. It was not disclosed how many movement members remained jailed.

Ben Ali has pardoned nearly 5,000 people, including many Muslim fundamentalists, since he took power Nov 7 in a bloodless palace coup that ousted President Habib Bourguiba.

TAP said the pardons were equivalent to a general amnesty and did not "exclude anyone based on politics or ideology."

Gurkha rivals clash as talks open in Delhi

DARJEELING, July 23, (Reuter): Fighting between rival Gurkha militant factions claimed three lives near Darjeeling as Gurkha leader Subhas Ghising held preliminary talks in New Delhi to end the two-year-old agitation.

Police said factions supporting and opposing Ghising clashed today in Kalimpong, 80 km from Darjeeling, the capital of the hills region claimed by the Gurkhas as a homeland.

They said a Ghising supporter was hacked to death and an unidentified man died later in the hospital.

In the nearby Docars region, police found a forest officer's half-burned body today. Police blamed anti-Ghising militants fleeing from Kalimpong for the killing.

Ghising, president of the Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), has moderated his demand for an independent Gurkha homeland within the north-eastern state of West Bengal and says he is willing to accept limited autonomy for the hills.

Accord
He is already in New Delhi, where he is expected to sign an accord with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu on

Monday to end the militant campaign which has cost more than 350 lives.

Death toll

Meanwhile, the number of killings in the state of Punjab rose to 19 last night in violence blamed on Sikh militants campaigning for an independent homeland.

United News of India reported.

Five Nihangs, members of a Sikh fundamentalist sect, were shot to death Friday on a highway near the town of Mehta Chowk, UNI said. The area is 40 kilometres south of Amritsar.

Three Sikhs, including two women, were gunned down the same day in the nearby village of Shero Padha.

Three unidentified people, believed killed Thursday, were found Friday in Chogowan, another nearby village, the agency said.

Floods and drought kill hundreds in China

BEIJING, July 23, (AP): Heavy floods and one of the worst droughts in nearly 40 years have combined to kill hundreds of people and wipe out thousands of acres of cropland this year, a government official said.

Yang Zhenhuai, head of the Water Resources Ministry, said floods and torrential rain killed 544 people this year, and a drought scouring wide areas of central and southern China threatens to be one of the worst since the communists came to power in 1949, the China Daily reported.

Yang said 27.9 million acres (11.3 million hectares) of farmland were affected by the drought, and 15.3 million acres (6.2 million hectares) had been flooded.

The Civil Affairs Ministry this week said 65.8 million acres (26.6 million hectares) had been affected by drought and 24.7 million acres (10 million hectares) hit by flooding.

China has about 296 million acres (120 million hectares) of arable land.

Yang said 2.2 million people in the interior provinces of Hubei and Anhui are having difficulty getting water to drink. In coastal Jiangsu province, 5 million people have been mobilised to expand canals and irrigation systems.

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He said irrigation is difficult because many rivers and reservoirs are drying up. The Yellow River had hardly any flow over a 10-day period earlier this month and water in the Yangtze River is down about 20 per cent, he said.

The conferees asked President Corazon Aquino's government to investigate the killings and take steps to protect Filipino lawyers from further alleged harassment by security forces.

Casualties
A guerrilla band also burned down an 18-room schoolhouse in the town of Lasam, about 40 kilometres from Tuao, destroying more than 2 million pesos (\$100,000) worth of government property, the agency added. No casualties were reported in either

Islands dispute main hurdle in Japan-Soviet ties

MOSCOW, July 23, (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has told former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone that Japan's alliance with the West has blocked return of four disputed islands under Soviet control since World War II.

The position taken by Gorbachev reiterated Kremlin's policy on the northern territories and stonewalled, what Tokyo considers the main obstacle to improved relations with Moscow, a Japanese official said.

The Soviet Union occupied four islands of northern Japan at the end of World War II and the dispute over the territory has prevented them from concluding a peace treaty for 43 years.

Despite the impasse, Nakasone was pleased with the official part of his visit that began here on Wednesday, according to a government official who declined to be identified.

The official said the visit allowed the issue to be brought before the Soviet public.

"We didn't find anything particularly new in the messages sent by the Soviet side," said the official, who was present at the meeting between Gorbachev and Nakasone. "But what was more interesting was the extent to which we were able to penetrate

Return of Afghan war prisoners

Soviets seek Iran's help

MOSCOW, July 23, (AP): A top Kremlin diplomat has asked Iran to help secure the return of Soviet soldiers taken prisoner in Afghanistan, and said Iran could help put an end to that country's decade-old civil war, Tass said.

The official Soviet news agency reported Friday on the results of First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli M. Vorontsov's visit to Tehran, the Iranian capital. Tass said "much attention" during Vorontsov's visit was paid to developments in Afghanistan.

On May 15, Soviet troops began withdrawing from that country, where since December 1979 they had been helping fight rebels opposed to Kabul's Moscow-backed government.

Aid

Many of those insurgents are Muslim fundamentalists, and are backed by Tehran in their fight against the Marxist government that took power in April 1978 following a bloody coup.

"The Soviet side pointed out, in particular, that Iran might make its contribution to the cause of normalising the situation in Afghanistan," Tass said.

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would continue to discuss the issue constructively."

Tass gave no further details, but the Soviets were presumably seeking an end in Iranian aid to the Afghan insurgents. They have repeatedly accused Pakistan of violating international agreements on Afghanistan by not stopping arms and munitions shipments to the rebels through Pakistani territory.

Appealed

During his three-day visit to Tehran, which ended Friday, Vorontsov met with Iranian President Sayed Ali Khamenei and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, and held "businesslike talks" with Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Larjani. Tass said.

"The Soviet side also expressed the hope that Iran would promote the return of Soviet servicemen who are being kept by the Afghan armed opposition to the Soviet Union," Tass said.

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In June, the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent societies appealed to Iran, Pakistan and the United States, as well as to the Afghan guerrillas, to help secure the return of the missing men.

Previous Soviet diplomatic efforts on the POWs have focused on Pakistan. Last month in Moscow, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze summoned the Pakistani ambassador to ask for his help in securing the prisoners' return.

The Soviets have said they had more than 100,000 soldiers in Afghanistan before the pullout began in May. Under terms of the UN-brokered agreement on Afghanistan signed in Geneva in April, half of the Soviet troops are supposed to be home by Aug 15, and the remainder by Feb 15.

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eva that other major donor nations would soon announce initial contributions.

Repair
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Lack of funds blocks US visit of Lebanese children

FRESNO, California, July 23 (UPI): A programme to bring children from war-torn Lebanon to the United States for vacations in American family homes has been cancelled this summer due to a lack of funds, a spokesman said today.

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Publicity

In 1986, Lavery expanded the programme to include Lebanese children. And in the past two years 28 youngsters from the Beirut area were brought over to America for six-week vacations.

The visits received wide media coverage, including stories by all three television networks and many major newspapers.

Lavery said it cost \$37,000 to bring the 28 Lebanese children and that cake sales and fund-raisers accounted for only \$7,000 of that total. The other \$30,000 was borrowed from proceeds paid to the organisation from the television movie on the Irish children.

Lavery said he had a verbal commitment in February from the Hariri Foundation, a Lebanese philanthropic organisation based in Washington, D.C., to donate \$30,000 in travel funds for this summer's programme but the foundation later reneged on the offer for "reasons that were never made clear to me."

Hopes rise for peace settlement

Kampuchea talks open on Monday

BOGOR, Indonesia, July 23 (UPI): Delegates to unprecedented Kampuchea peace talks converged today on the presidential palace, hopeful their landmark gathering will begin "a block-building process" to end the 9-year-old conflict.

The meeting is set to open on Monday between the tripartite Kampuchean resistance coalition — the Hanoi-backed government in Phnom Penh, Vietnam and seven Southeast Asian countries — and marks the most significant attempt to reach a peaceful solution to date.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, orchestrator of the informal sessions, arranged for a large round table to be brought into the negotiating room in the white-pillared Bogor Palace to avoid disputes over seating.

And he volunteered to take the chair nearest the door, the spot deemed the least prestigious.

Officials placed the elegant

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The meeting came a day after the lawyers concluded a conference with counterparts from five other countries, including the Philippines, which discussed ways of safeguarding Filipino attorneys following the slaying of five of their colleagues during the past years.

The conferees asked President Corazon Aquino's government to investigate the killings and take steps to protect Filipino lawyers from further alleged harassment by security forces.

29 missing as submarine hits boat

TOKYO, July 23, (UPI): A Japanese submarine returning to port after a naval parade rammed a fishing boat with 48 people aboard today, sinking the boat and leaving 29 fishermen missing. Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said.

The 2,200-ton submarine, the Nadashio, hit the 150-ton Daichi Fuji Maru near the port of Yokosuka, 40 km south of Tokyo, an agency spokesman said.

The boat immediately sank about 3 km from the coast.

Nineteen survivors from the fishing boat were

EVENTS

BBC's Pashto programme popular

ON Sunday evenings, many of the 3.5 million Afghan refugees in northwest Pakistan, their hosts and other radio listeners in Afghanistan itself as well as India, Iran and the Gulf, tune in to "Rogh-e-Sate" ("Good Health").

This award-winning series, produced in drama form by the newest and smallest of the BBC's 36 foreign language services, Pashto, has been enjoying a rerun and the latest audience research shows that 80% of adult men in the refugee camps are among the BBC's estimated 1.5 million regular listeners.

So popular has the programme proved that the Save the Children Fund, the British-based charity that

established a clinic of British health workers inside guerrilla-held terrain in Afghanistan and first suggested the programme, is about to distribute 15,000 copies of an illustrated book in Pashto to back it up.

Child mortality

"Doctors have told us that their tuberculosis patients who used to be very lax about continuing to take medication beyond three months, have been persuaded by the programme of the need to continue for nine months or more," said programme organiser Gordon Adam.

There were many requests for the series to be repeated. It has also given a boost to the

newer evening broadcasts, now supplementing the morning ones.

Series writer Colin Alfred, who for six months worked with the Health Unlimited agency in Afghan guerrilla strongholds set it in an imaginary village, Diseaseville, where regular characters include a newly qualified health worker, his mother and an uncle.

Each week the story focuses on a different health problem ranging from diarrhoea to pregnancy — Afghanistan has the world's highest child mortality rate — burns, wounds and chest infections. Taking local conditions into consideration, the series gives advice on what to do when no doctor or health care worker is available to help.

Programme coordinator Gauhar Rahman Gauhar, who adapted and translated the 15-minute scripts, encountered several problems including differences in Pashto dialects that could lead to misinterpretations. There was also some difficulty in finding Pashto-speaking actors.

The programme is the first of the BBC's foreign services to win a Sony Radio Award. Presenting it, the Sony judges said the series was "imaginative, well intended and compelling." Now the Pashto team is planning follow-up series about mental and physical disabilities.

Said Mr Gauhar: "These health problems are worldwide and other sections of the BBC External Services have shown interest in adapting 'Rogh-e-Sate' for their own parts of the world."



The Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Algerian Ambassador El Hasnaoui Khalid hosted last week a farewell party for three ambassadors who are leaving Kuwait this month. Pictured above are Khalid and the three departing diplomats (from right): Marcel Laugel of France, David McCracken of Canada and Austrian envoy Dr Wolfgang Steiner.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone

Al Salimiya
performance for Eid

Al Jazira
Steel Dawn
Drive-In

Asdiqah Al Shaitan
(Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Farid Shawki

Al Firdous
Aakhri Adalat (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Dimple Kapadia, Jackie Shroff

Fahheel Open Air
Zalzala (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Kimi Katkar

Al Fahheel
Ninja Warriors

Al-Jahra
Revenge
Granda
Action Jackson

Sulabikhata
My Lucky Stars

Al Jeeb
Chegappu (Malayalam)

Ahensi Drive-In
Laila Al Kabab Al Bakaiya Wa Zaghliou (Arabic)

MONDAY
Fahheel Open-Air
Mardon Wali Baat (Hindi)

Al Fahheel
Ninja Warriors

Al-Jahra
Mission Terminates

Granada
Cherry 2000

Sulabikhata
Delta Force Commando

Al Jeeb
Awara (Bengali)

Ahensi Drive-In
Laila Al Kabab Al Bakaiya Wa Zaghliou (Arabic)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahad Al Salem St.

Al Mojil Pharmacy
Mojil Bldg., Mubarak Al Kabir St.

Hawalli and Nugra
Al Firdous Pharmacy

Beirut St.

Salmiya and Rumailiya
Sahara Pharmacy

Salem Al Mubarak St.

Fahheel and Ahmadi
Al Ittihad Pharmacy

Makkah St., F'heel

Jeeb Al Shiyoukh
Palestine Pharmacy

Munira Obaid Al Rajai Bldg., Main St.

Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy

opp. Cooperative Society

MONDAY
Kuwait
Al Madinah Pharmacy

Abdullah Al Mubarak St.

Al Sharqiya Pharmacy
KPTC Bldg., Hilal St.

Hawalli and Nugra
Al Saadah Pharmacy

Othman St., Nugra

Salmiya and Rumailiya
Al Fida Pharmacy

Ahmad Jarallah Bldg., Khansa St.

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PRAYERS

Fajr	3.33 am
Zuhra	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.45
Isha	8.12

MONDAY

Fajr	3.34 am
Zuhra	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.44
Isha	8.12

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BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newcastle

03 Play of the Week: Quartiermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Halls; 31st Bernstein Conductor and Composer

0100 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartiermaine's Terms cont'd; 10th and 17th La Peste — Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound

0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sports world: 10th Midnight Express)

0300 The Ken Bruce Show
09 News About Britain

05 From Our Own Correspondent
30 A Word in Edgeways

0600 Newsdesk
30 Glyndebourne — The Early

Years (ex 3rd The Music of Weber)
45 Reflections

50 Financial News

0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 The A-Z of Hollywood
45 Letter from America

0600 Newsdesk
30 Jazz for the Asking

0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Words (ex 3rd Sportsworld)

0800 World News
09 Reflections

15 The Pleasure's Yours

0900 World News
09 British Press Review

15 Science in Action
45 A Life at the UN (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to Lambeth)

1400 News Summary
30 Trivia Test Match (ex 3rd Sportsworld cont'd; 10th A Word in Edgeways)

1500 Radio Newcastle (ex 3rd News Summary followed by Sportsworld cont'd.)

15 Sportsworld (ex 24th and 31st From the Proms)
30 (10th and 17th only) Concert Hall

1600 World News (ex 3rd News Summary followed by Sportsworld cont'd.)

09 News about Britain (ex 3rd Sportsworld cont'd.)

15 3rd Sportsworld cont'd; 10th English Wine — A Growth Industry; 17th The Future of British Universities; 24th The Silent Army; 31st The Cross and the Crescent

1000 News Summary followed by

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been cancelled.
Contact/report to Philippine
Embassy immediately

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1**

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Cartoons: Space Adventure
10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
10.30 Al Houla: Wal Sanavar: Arabic play for children, featuring Khalifa Omar Khalifa Hind Ahmed.

1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.35 Eddikum Mubarak
2.50 Al Kinash: Arabic serial: Part One. Starring: Abdullah Ghaffar, Athar Al Hakim, Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Aida Abdul Aziz.

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.20 English feature film on Lassie's adventures.

6.00 Al Jawharah: children's serial, starring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Dafarawi, Wafa Shihab, Huda Essa.

7.10 You and Your Health

7.30 Diwaniyah Shura Al Nab: poetry session

8.30 Wa Qatal Al Arab: And the Arab Said... Arabic serial.

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Eid Greeting: HH the Amir receives citizens who will wish him on Eid.

11.30 Bint Al Basha Al Wazir: Arabic film. Starring: Yahiya Shahin, Shweikar, Jamil Rateb, Sabrin, Zahrat Al Ula.

1.00 News Summary/WORLD News via Satellite/Closedown

5.30 Tao Tao: cartoons
6.00 Mama Anisa and Children

7.20 Alwan: hosted by Rola Al Farah...

8.30 Wa Qatal Al Arab: And the Arab Said... daily serial.

8.10 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Bahar." Prepared and presented by Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Special programme on Kuwaiti students in US.

11.15 Al Marai Hadidiyah: Arabic feature film, starring Naja Fathi, Farouk Fishawi, Yusuf Shaban, Salah Qabil.

12.15 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons: Space Adventures
10.30 Hercules in New York: English feature film, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.50 Al Kinh (The Mask): Arabic serial: Part Two. Starring: Abdullah Ghaffar, Athar Al Hakim, Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Aida Abdul Aziz.

3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.00 Binat Haratra: Arabic feature film, starring Bassi, Ilham Shahin, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badr, Mimi Jamal.

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Cartoons
6.30 Time Flyer: children's film. A child, fascinated by flying, travels in time to help a pilot in distress.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Special Variety Show: pop music from UK and US.

9.10 The Flying Doctors: Australian series about a group of doctors working in the outback.

10.00 David Copperfield: US illusionist Copperfield performs amazing feats of making objects disappear.

10.30 Late Night Feature Film: "China Hand." Starring: David Soul, Lisa Lu,



Hayat Al Fahad plays a leading role in a locally produced drama, Ard Wakat, to be screened on Monday.

9.10 Miami Vice: "Lombard." The police are unable to find evidence to pin down a businessman-smuggler.

10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Killer Takes All." Two women in an old people's home plan to escape...

10.30 Killer Fish: feature film, starring Lee Majors, James Francesco. Gangsters look for hidden loot.

11.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public from 5 pm on the second and third day of Eid Al Adha. After Eid, it will be open every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

German-Speaking Cultural Association
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Eid Prayers
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle '88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Open-House on Eid
On the occasion of Eid Al Adha the Charge d'Affaires of Bangladesh Embassy Mohsin Ali Khan will hold an open-house on Sunday, July 24, from 6 to 8 pm, at his residence, House No. 185, Plot No. 43, Block No. 8 (near Hadi Clinic), Jabriya. (Tel: 5314737.) All Bangladeshis are welcome. For entry passes contact 3904817.

Onam Festival
The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle (IAC). IAC President M. Mathew will be the chief patron. The programme promises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradyil 2422973.

YMCA
The YMCA will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

D'Assissi Association
The association will hold a social evening-cum-varieté show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

At the Continental
The Gardenia will offer special dinner buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian specialities, during the Eid holidays.

At the Holiday Inn
Tropical melon delights are being promoted in various outlets at the hotel ... Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; la carte also offered.

At the Meridien
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm, also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. During the Eid holidays, the restaurant will offer special buffets featuring a selection of Arabic and European cuisine. Piano music will be provided.

Le Tarboche will offer lunch and dinner buffets featuring Arab cuisine during the Eid holidays.

At the Hilton
Fajlaka restaurant opens for dinner only during Eid holidays, from 7.30 pm to midnight offering buffet dinner and music by Magnetic Band.

At the Ramada
El Bendar Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; la carte also featured.

At the Sheraton
Special buffet lunches and dinners will be featured in the Al Hamra restaurant during the Eid holidays. Authentic Lebanese cuisine is featured

English

Morning

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Bands with a beat
0930 Songs and Music
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1030 Pick of the Pops
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening

2100 Opening
2102 The Young Sound
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 The World of Sports
2215 In the French Mood
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Pop Session Special
2400 Closedown

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Heller Skelter
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Jazz Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0300 Closedown

HOTELS

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Kuwait's hotels are featuring a variety of international cuisine and Arabic dishes during Eid holidays.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

It is a great nuisance that knowledge can only be acquired by hard work — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).

US policy in the Gulf

A key factor in Iran's peace move

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON (Reuter): US policy in the Gulf, including the threat of a large naval fleet, was a key factor in driving war-weary Iran to accept a UN peace order, according to American analysts.

Middle East and defence experts interviewed by Reuters backed State Department official Phyllis Oakley's assessment that Iran's step toward a ceasefire with Iraq was in part due "to the success of a firm and consistent (US) policy."

Former Defence Secretary Harold Brown and others said Iran's recent war losses and domestic disarray played the major role, but also that Tehran increasingly saw itself facing an overwhelming US presence in the Gulf.

"We in the United States always seem to see ourselves as the cause of everything. That isn't the case ... but the US presence had an effect," Brown told Reuters.

Improve

"The argument that we were there to improve the flow of oil is not true. We were there to support the Iraqis," said Shireen Hunter, a Middle East expert at the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"Iranian leaders felt they could defeat Iraq in the long run, but not Iraq and the United States," she said.

The United States, which built up a fleet of nearly 30 warships in the region last year after President Reagan agreed to escort 11 reflagged tankers, says it will not reduce its presence until stability comes to the Gulf.

Brown, who headed the Pentagon under former President Jimmy Carter and is now a senior official at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, said the US protection of Gulf shipping, expanded this year to aid neutral vessels of all flags, had put extra pressure on Iran.

"I think we kind of stumbled into the Gulf in a big way last year for the wrong reasons," he said.

Jakarta basking in limelight

By Sid Astbury

JAKARTA (UPI): The arrival of politicians from throughout Southeast Asia for next week's peace conference on Kampuchea seems further proof that Indonesia is emerging as a force to be reckoned with in international relations.

Not since the glory days of 1955 when the leaders of the developing world converged on Bandung for the Asia-Africa conference has Indonesia taken on a profile befitting its immense size and geopolitical importance.

Sloughing off its latter-day insularity, the world's fifth most populous country is at last taking its rightful place in the community of nations.

Most significantly, 67-year-old President Suharto is finally overcoming the diffidence that for almost one quarter of a century has kept him off the world stage.

Suharto, whose winning smile hides an almost chronically shy persona, is just beginning what everyone expects will be his last five-year term at the head of this resource rich but cash poor country.

Those close to him say he would like to end it as a statesman of international and not just regional repute.

Progress

"From my reading of the President, he wants to project an image of a non-aligned country that has also made solid progress in the economic sphere," commented Dr Yuwono Sudarsono, dean of the political science faculty at the prestigious University of Indonesia.

Up until very recently, Indonesia has been known abroad as a friend of the West and a foe of communism that has had virtually nothing to say for itself in world forums beyond the usual Third World litany of poor is good, rich is bad.

"In terms of temperament, our president is not one to go to hi-falutin conferences," said Sudarsono. "He is not one to give fiery

1988 — the year that peace broke out

World's hottest trouble spots cooling

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON (Reuter): Nineteen eighty-eight appears to be shaping up as the year that peace broke out in some of the world's hottest trouble spots.

This week has seen dramatic improvements in prospects for ending the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war and the 13-year-old conflict in Angola.

Only two months ago, the Soviet Union began to pull its forces out of Afghanistan, where they had been fighting Muslim rebels since 1979, after a four-power agreement was brokered by the United Nations in April.

And next week, Kampuchean factions will meet in Indonesia to try to set in train a settlement of the nine-year conflict in their homeland.

Western diplomats believe a common thread running through all these developments is a new Soviet foreign policy aimed at pulling Moscow and its

allies out of wars in the Third World and co-operation with other nations to settle regional disputes.

This policy has been called "new thinking" by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and is just one of the wide-ranging reforms that he has put into effect since he came to power in the Kremlin in 1985.

Reforms

Despite the optimistic signs, Western analysts said the various peace agreements concluded or in prospect, would not necessarily end all fighting even if they were signed.

But the pullout of foreign forces, they said, would reduce the intensity of the warfare and its ability to spread into wider clashes that brought the superpowers indirectly into conflict and poisoned international relations.

In Afghanistan, for instance, the agreement between Moscow, Washington, Kabul and Islamabad is essentially to

remove the Soviet Army, leaving the leftist government and the Islamic guerrillas to slug it out until one of them wins.

A similar fate could be in store for Angola, where the Cuban-backed government is fighting South African-backed and US-backed UNITA guerrillas.

The principles of an accord announced on Wednesday in Luanda, Pretoria, Havana and Washington call for the withdrawal of Cuban troops and the granting of independence to neighbouring Namibia by South Africa, but say nothing about UNITA.

Prospects

Better prospects appear in store in the Gulf, where it is the combatants themselves, and not just their foreign backers, who are keen to end an apparently unwinnable war, and where the question of who holds the reins of government is not in dispute.

The United Nations is now sending envoys to Iran and Iraq

to try to arrange a truce after Tehran announced on Monday that it accepted Security Council resolution 598, calling for a ceasefire. Baghdad had already accepted it.

The Kampuchean peace process is still at an early stage, although Vietnam has begun pulling out its 100,000 troops backing the Phnom Penh government against a guerrilla coalition and has pledged to withdraw them all by early 1990.

Expenses

Vietnam and seven other Southeast Asian countries will join the talks in Indonesia in a second phase.

According to Western analysts, it had become clear to Moscow by the early 1980s that involvement in Third World wars was a severe financial drain for little tangible benefit, but it needed Gorbachev to shift the policy.

The new line was spelled out by Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze to the Soviet diplomatic academy last year.

So as not to incur extra expenses while maintaining defence capacity and protecting foreign policy interests, he said, "we must seek ways to limit and reduce military rivalry, eliminate confrontational features in relations with other states, and suppress conflict and crisis situations."

Settlement of regional conflicts has become a key element in the new superpower detente, which itself is partly the result of the "new thinking".

Role

Thus at their Moscow summit at the end of May, Moscow and Washington jointly set Sept 29 as target date for settling the Angola and Namibia problem.

"Soviet leaders can no longer escape the realization that their central relations (with the United States) are endangered by their peripheral adventures," Severyn

Bialer, an analyst at New York's Columbia University, wrote in a recent article.

Due to its direct involvement in Afghanistan and its strong economic and political leverage over Cuba and Vietnam, Moscow has been able to play a major role in the Afghan, Angolan and Kampuchean conflicts.

On the Iran-Iraq war, where its influence is less, the Kremlin did collaborate in passing resolution 598 in which diplomats said was a rare instance of co-operation among the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In addition to the new dovish Soviet policy, some Western analysts said another key factor had been the hawkish line of the US administration, which had supported the Afghan and UNITA guerrillas and supplied them with sophisticated weapons.

This had persuaded Moscow that no cheap victory could be achieved by its protégés, these analysts said.

Dukakis aims to shed liberal tag with upbeat message

By Michael Gelb

ATLANTA (Reuter): Democrat Michael Dukakis hopes an upbeat political message aimed at middle-road voters will substitute for charisma and boost him to victory over Vice-President George Bush in the November presidential election.

Aware that many Americans have come to view the Democrats as too liberal and too pessimistic about the country's future, the 54-year-old Massachusetts governor has borrowed a leaf from President Reagan and fashioned a decidedly optimistic campaign message.

"Just as we Democrats believe that there are no limits to what each citizen can do so we believe there are no limits to what America can do," Dukakis said on Thursday in accepting his nomination as his party's presidential candidate.

Reagan, Bush and other Republicans have accused Dukakis of preaching "gloom and doom" on the campaign trail.

But in his first televised address to the country, he issued a call to action and idealism.

Challenge

"It's time to raise our sights ... to recapture the spirit of energy and of confidence and of idealism that John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson inspired a generation ago," he said. "It's time to meet the challenges of the next American frontier."

Campaign issues director Christopher Edley said Dukakis, considered a bland and uninspiring speaker, deliberately avoided the temptation to merely recite a litany of Reagan administration sins because he wanted to present a "positive" message that laid

out his own agenda.

But Bush, the certain Republican presidential nominee who will be anointed at his party's convention in New Orleans next month, has made clear that he will paint Dukakis as just another big-spending Democratic liberal.

Republican strategists believe Dukakis's newly-forged alliance with black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson can be used as evidence that the Democratic nominee's moderate rhetoric is an attempt to mask his liberal leanings.

Republican consultant Haley Barbour, in a television interview, said Jackson's convention speech on Tuesday night included "a litany of things on which he and Dukakis agree — a very liberal litany."

"I think that liberal message will come through more and more," he said.

Pojarive

The term liberal has become pejorative in American politics, with connotations of high spending, high taxes and deference to special interest fringe groups.

Jackson dominated the first two days of the Democratic convention — first with a highly-publicized unity news conference with Dukakis in which he was introduced ahead of vice-presidential candidate, Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and later in a powerful sermon to the party parley.

Republicans are portraying the Democratic team as a three-headed monster in which Jackson, who is viewed as ultra-liberal and disliked by a large body of Americans, will have more clout than conservative Bentsen.

"It looks like you've got three

people running for two slots on the Democratic side," Larry Cobb, state campaign director for Bush in North Carolina, told Reuters in a typical Republican analysis.

Problem

Even some Democrats say Jackson could pose a problem if it appears his influence is excessive.

"Dukakis has a delicate line to walk," said Judy Powell, former press secretary to Democratic President Jimmy Carter. "He needs Jackson on board, but he doesn't need it to look like Jackson's driving the train."

Democratic leaders acknowledge they lost four of the last five presidential elections in part because mainstream voters believe the party cared more about narrow special interests than the problems of the average worker.

Senior campaign adviser Kirk O'Donnell told Reuters Dukakis aims to dispel that belief by "stressing that he recognizes the economic squeeze the average American feels."

On Thursday night, Dukakis said one of his top goals was an "America that will create good jobs at good wages for every citizen."

An ABC poll released just hours before Dukakis's convention address said that only 17 per cent of voters think the governor is too liberal, while 40 per cent say his ideology is just about right.

In addition, just 27 per cent of those polled believe Jackson has more influence than Dukakis over Democratic politics.

Shameless rhetoric at Atlantic convention

the slightest interest in anything we care about," she said.

Vice-presidents get appointed, and she alluded to that in her comments, saying: "And now that he's after a job he can't get appointed to, he's like Columbus discovering America. He's found child care. He's found education."

On Tuesday, representative Tony Coelho got things started, followed by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"I know it's not fair to criticize the vice-president behind his

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1545 — French fleet leaves the Solent in England unscathed after a successful attack.
- 1704 — British capture Gibraltar during war of the Spanish succession.
- 1712 — Dutch are defeated by French at Denain, France, and join Anglo-French truce.
- 1799 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Turks at Aboukir in Egypt.
- 1847 — Convention of Gramido ends civil war in Portugal.
- 1850 — Schleswig-Holstein insurgents, whose territory was divided by peace of Berlin between Denmark and Prussia, are defeated at Isted.
- 1922 — League of Nations Council approves mandates for Palestine and Egypt.
- 1942 — British bombers devastate German cities of Frankfurt and Mannheim in World War II.
- 1946 — United States makes first underwater test of an atomic bomb off atoll of Bikini in Pacific Ocean.
- 1969 — US Apollo 11 astronauts, first men to walk on moon, splash down safely in Pacific Ocean.
- 1970 — Sultan Said of Muscat and Oman is overthrown by his son, who becomes Sultan Qaboos.
- 1971 — State of emergency is declared in Sudan during government crisis.
- 1973 — Four men who hijacked Japan Airlines plane release the 137 occupants, then blow it up and are arrested in Libya.
- 1976 — US spacecraft Viking lands on Mars and starts tests to determine whether life exists on the planet.
- 1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat orders his troops to observe immediate ceasefire in fighting with Libya.
- 1987 — Crew of Air Afrique airliner overpowers hijacker identified as Lebanese, after he kills a passenger.

Argentina curious about US presidential campaign

By Julio Crespo

WASHINGTON: Argentine politicians visiting Washington frequently question me about the United States presidential campaign. Their curiosity is stimulated by the fact that next year we also elect a president in Argentina as well as congressmen, senators, and governors.

Our electoral system is in many ways similar to US's, now that Argentina has fully recovered its democratic traditions with an astounding vigour that is resisting the most serious economic crisis of our history. Yet there are differences.

In Argentina we also have primaries, and the candidates campaign everywhere. But we have nothing to compare to the long, drawn-out selection process that takes place in the US before the party conventions.

Argentine politicians are always asking about the nuts and bolts of political campaigning. Their observations, whether made seriously or in jest, always relate to the Argentine situation and are useful guideposts to the interests of Argentine readers and what needs to be explained back home.

Take, for example, Sen. Joseph Biden's withdrawal from the race after the revelation that, in a campaign ad, he had plagiarized a speech by British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock: Argentine politicians were interested more in the power of such an event to ruin Senator Biden's chances rather than in the event itself.

Argentines are also interested in the financial aspects of political campaigning in the US which from our perspective involve huge amounts of money.

The activity of fund-raisers and the dependency of the candidates on their contributors are important topics.

The Gary Hart story, for instance, was followed closely when his candidacy collapsed amid

Gore Jr has centred almost exclusively in their message and in the political forces they represent. In their cases I do not need to explain the political pull of religious groups or the rising self-awareness of great sectors of the black population.

As the conventions near and there is virtual certainty as to the presidential nominees of the two parties, the focus of Argentine interest turns naturally to how the victory of one candidate or the other can affect Argentine interests. Such an evaluation must be made at the time when relations between the two countries are the best they have ever been. The US government has warmly backed Argentine democracy, and all signs indicate that it will continue to do so, no matter who is elected president in our two countries.

But with respect to the economy, the steps taken by a new administration could seriously affect Argentina, where we are striving to increase exports in order to dig ourselves out of the debt crisis.

Nor would new subsidies for US agriculture be welcomed in Argentina, since American commodity exports compete with Argentine exports in the world market.

Of course, the US plays a large role in our major problem — the foreign debt. For the moment we can see no substantial differences in the attitudes of Republicans and Democrats with respect to this issue.

In any case the attitude of the US government has not been definitive nor clear in this matter, and it has helped only to stave off an impending crisis by providing bridge loans. As the unpayable debt grows and grows, it has become an ever expanding universe ready to collapse on us at any moment. Unfortunately, on this issue of vital importance, the US political campaign has been silent.

The personalities of the other candidates fit in better with the traditional mold of the political

FESTIVAL

ARAB TIMES, SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1988

By Mohammad Saeed

BESIDES observance of the age-old practices of the Ibrahim days, the occasion, for the last 14 centuries, stands out as the anniversary of a great charter that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) gave to mankind.

The two major Muslim festivals-Eid Al Fitir and Eid Al Adha, are fundamentally thanksgiving ceremonies after fulfilling two divine obligations. While the first rounds off, in prayer and rejoicing, the month of fasting, the second is the conclusion of the pilgrimage rituals. Though fasting, too, was enjoined upon earlier peoples and it was no innovation of Islam, the hajj, with all its accompanying ceremonies, dates back to a definite period. It originated with Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.). It is a long, continuous tradition - albeit corrupted for a short while in pre-Islam days by ignorant and superstitious clergy. Islam cleansed it of pagan accretions and revived its original glory. How this glorious institution was initiated is a fascinating story worth recounting.

Nearly four thousand years ago, the valley of the Euphrates was ruled over by a godking, Nimrod. Two civilizations were contemporary to this Mesopotamian civilisation: one that of the Nile and the other that of the Ganges. The Pharaohs were ruling over the Nile Delta and

Eid Al Adha: more than a ritual

Maharaj-Krishna was fighting this Mahabharata, not far from the banks of the Jamna, a tributary of the Ganges. Two vices were the bane of these cultures: the deification of human sacrifice.

Ibrahim revolted against the idolatrous creed of his people, and this enraged the king as well as his own kinsmen who had monopolised the lucrative trade in idols. Ibrahim for this boldness was banished from his hometown — Ur. Roaming over the vast plains of the Peril-Crescent as a refugee, he was divinely assigned the task of building a house in the rocky wastes of the Hejaz to glorify the name of the One True God. This was the place where a few years earlier he had lodged his wife Hajira and infant son, Ismail — a valley that was "unfilled and waterless". When the small provisions exhausted and no water was left with the family in wilderness, Hajira ran about over the two nearby hillocks hoping that this would give her a better view of the country around and she might find some trace of water. Meanwhile, the child had, by thumping his tender feet on the sand, released a reservoir of water that continues to flow ever since. The water attracted wandering nomads and trade

caravans and a township grew around it.

Ismail eventually grew into a well-built lad and the father returned from the distant land to which he had retired. One night, Ibrahim saw a vision that he slaughtered his son (in the way of God). He confided it to Ismail who readily agreed to be sacrificed. He even told the father to do what he had been ordained to. The Quran quotes the dialogue between father and son:

"O my son!
I see in vision
that I offer thee in sacrifice:
Now see what is
Thy view?" (The son) said:
'O my father! Do
As thou art commanded:
Thou will find me,
If God so wills one
Practising patience and
Constancy.'

But the actual act of slaughtering was divinely intervened: Ismail was saved and a voice rang: "Ibrahim, verify you have fulfilled the vision." It was only a trial, nevertheless a glorious manifestation of total submission to God's Will. Here was something that was worthy to be invested with perpetuity among posterity. It was not a routine ritual! It was a lesson pregnant with far deeper meaning and message. It was the

highest mark man's faith in his Creator could touch. So, it was decreed that mankind from now onward shall, year after year, remind itself of the sublimity of the vent by gathering around this House and sacrificing animals.

Thus the primitive institutions of king worship and human sacrifice were abolished from amongst mankind.

Thereafter, Ibrahim was ordained to "proclaim the pilgrimage among men and was assured that:

"They will come
To thee on foot and mounted
On every kind of camel
Lean on account of journeys
Through deep and distant mountain highways".

Great Charter

Those who visit the holy land go through the whole exercise: they circumambulate the House Ibrahim and Ismail built; run between the remnant peaks of the two hillocks as Hajira ran; go to the valley of Mina and sacrifice animals as Ibrahim did. Those who remain at home from the luxuriant Pacific islands to the deep West on the Atlantic coast join them in sacrifice. And thus the whole *Ummah* is unified contemporaneously as a brotherhood and in history as the upholder of a magnificent tradition. The festival is both antique and modern.

Besides the observance of the age-old practices of the Ibrahim days, the occasion, for the last 14 centuries, stands out as the anniversary of a great charter that the holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) gave to mankind. Speaking from the top of Mount Mercy (*Jabal-i-Rahmat*) to a vast concourse of his companions — and this was his last sermon — he declared:

"O people, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether, after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today."

"O people, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds."

"Allah has forbidden you to take usury, therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things."

"O people, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friend with any one of whom you do not approve. As well as never to commit adultery."

"O people, listen to me in earnest; worship Allah; say your five daily prayers, fast during the month of *Ramadan*, and give your wealth to *Zakat*. Perform *hajj* if you can afford to. You know that every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. You are all equal. Nobody has superiority over another except by piety and good action. Remember,

one day you will appear before Allah and answer for your deeds. No Arab is superior to an Arab. Likewise, no black is superior to a white and no white to a black. All are Adam's progeny. And Adam was created from clay. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone."

"O people, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason, well, therefore O people, and understand my word which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the *Qur'an* and my example, the *sunnah*, and if you follow these you will never go astray."

"All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to other and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness O Allah, that I have conveyed Your Message to Your people."

Ever since this turning point in human thought, this announcement has proved the

mother-charter of all documents enshrining man's fundamental rights. It has demolished the colour-bar and has placed one man on equal footing with the other. It has declared that economic exploitation invites God's wrath. It has declared man's life and property sacred. It has made man answerable to his Creator. And thus, added a sacred dimension to man's affairs on this planet.

Celebrations

An occasion thus sanctified deserves to be celebrated with all devotion and solemnity. And the Muslims by so doing all over the world derive a legitimate pride and pleasure out of it. They pray in congregations on this day and distribute the sacrificial meat among friends and neighbours and among the poor, cementing thus the oneness of the Muslim brotherhood. Even the colossal amount of flesh that earlier went mostly unconsumed at Mina is now air-lifted to the needy among the Muslim *Ummah* like Afghan refugees and the communities in Sudan, Somaliland and elsewhere. Let alone the spiritual pleasure — which may be an individual experience — the festival in its wordly gaiety is shared by all.



A trader awaits customers

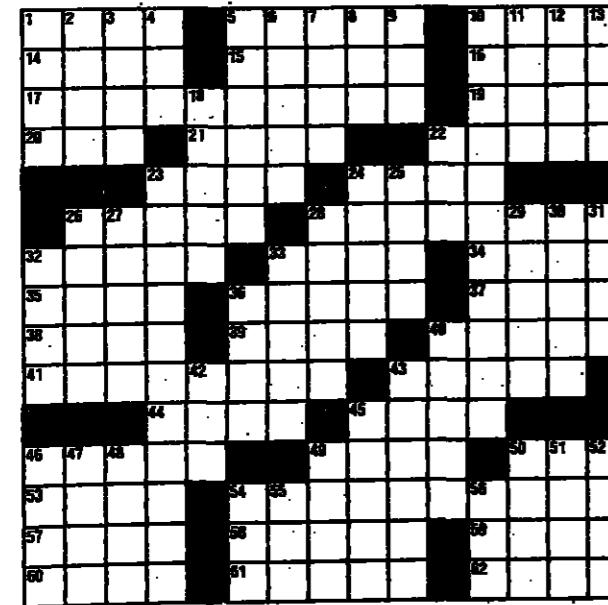


Customers assess sheep



Traditional sacrifice is an important part of Eid.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
A LITTLE STARDUST

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ K 9 2
♥ 6 7 6 2
♦ A J 4 3
♣ A 4

WEST
♦ A J 8 5 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 10 9
♣ 7 5 3

EAST
♦ Q 10 7 6 4
♥ 3
♦ K 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 6

SOUTH
♦ Void
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ Q 8
♣ K J 10 9 8 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 5 ♥ Pass

6 ♠ Pass ♣ Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♦

Sometimes the percentage play

might not be good enough. On occasion, a slightly inferior line, combined with a bit of deception, might produce the desired result.

This hand was played in a national championship some 20 years ago.

Sitting South was the late Sidney Silodor, not only one of the great

players of his day, but a master psychologist. He reached six hearts via the auction shown. (We, too, would have opened the South hand

with one heart and continued with a "high reverse" after North's two-diamond response.) West found the lead of the ten of diamonds, striking at declarer's weak spot. How would you play the hand?

Silodor rose with dummy's ace of diamonds and dropped the queen from hand! He crossed to the ace of hearts and ran the jack. When that held, he drew the last trump and ran the club suit to make an overtrick.

Now Silodor knew full well that the percentage play in trumps, with a combined holding of nine cards in the suit, was to play for the drop of the queen. Why then did he finesse?

Simply because that gave him a strong tactical edge. Suppose that the finesse had lost to East. Would that worthy have tried to cash the king of diamonds when South seemed to be out of that suit? We think not, and neither did Silodor. If not, declarer would have had ample time to set up his club suit for all the discards he needed from dummy to bring home his slam.

Now we are not suggesting that you give up a line which is a heavy favorite to indulge in some petty larceny. But here the difference between the drop and the finesse is only 52-48 percent, so Silodor's line rather tickles our fancy.

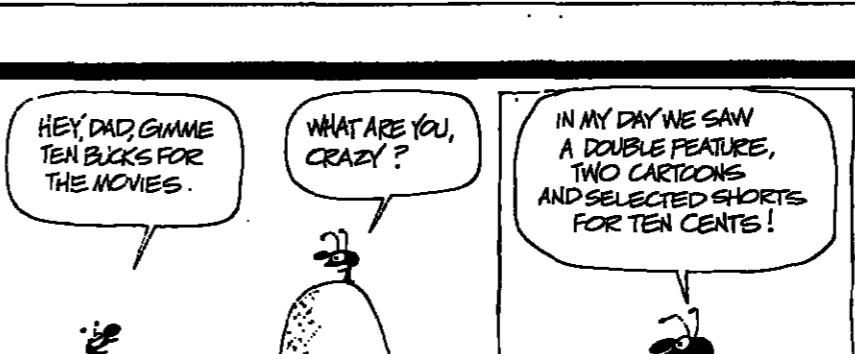
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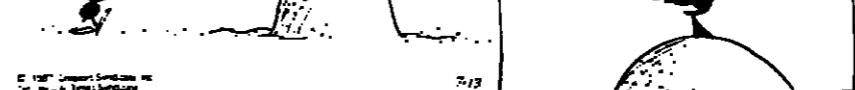
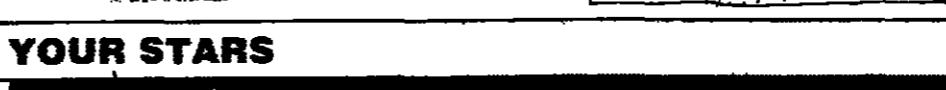


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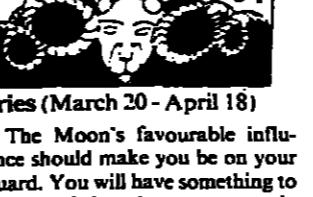
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart

HEY, DAD, GIMME
TEN BUCKS FOR
THE MOVIES.WHAT ARE YOU,
CRAZY?IN MY DAY WE SAW
A DOUBLE FEATURE,
TWO CARTOONS
AND SELECTED SHORTS
FOR TEN CENTS!YOU SHELLED-OUT A
DIME TO SEE SOMEBODY'S
SKINNIES?

Aries (March 20 - April 18)



The Moon's favourable influence

should make you on your guard.

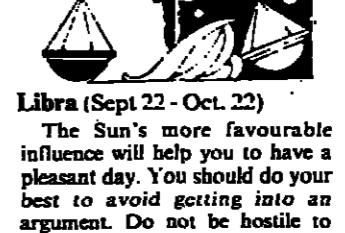
You will have something to

be pleased about but not too much.

Avoid giving hostages to fortune.

Be sensible.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)



You will have to have a little

more patience. You will be able

to have an interesting day, but you

should listen as well as saying what

you think. Do not allow your

affairs to get into a muddle. Be prompt.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 19)



At first you will be rather in a

poor mood but later you will see the

bright side too. You may meet

someone very much to your liking

but do not give too much away too

quickly. Do not think charm will

get you everywhere.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)



The general situation is promis-

ing but you should not trust too

much to luck. You should not retire

quite so much into yourself. Do

only what has to be done and then

relax. Be attentive.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should try to have a restful

day without thinking too much of

work. Do not think it is a waste of

time to avoid getting into a muddle.

Make sure you are not making a

nuisance of yourself. Be a little

more tolerant.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not spurn what

could well be good advice.

The Moon's less favourable influence

will make you more subject to con-

flict and tension. You should not

lose faith in yourself. Be generous.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should not allow your

resentments and jealousies to dis-

tort your objectivity. You should

also make a greater effort to con-

trol your mood and temper. No

harm in showing a little sympathy

towards others. Be discreet.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SNIPPETS

Businessman tells of bribes in government

A BUSINESSMAN told the Senate Blue Ribbon (fact-finding) Committee there was need to bribe people in "almost all government offices" to facilitate transactions.

Jesus Vergara, who organised a number of corporations for Herminio Disini's Herdis Group of Companies, said that on one occasion, he paid P10 million to a daughter-in-law of a bank official to get a big loan from a government bank.

Such admissions spiced up a public hearing of the committee investigating "bhest" loans granted by the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP).

After Jose Tengco, former DBP vice-chairman, requested more time to study documents on loans received by Cellophil Resources Corp., the committee turned its questioning to Vergara, the only other witness for the day.

Vergara said he organised several Herdis corporations, particularly those dealing in machinery and other businesses he referred to as the industrial portion of Disini's group of companies.

Foundation set up to fight child abuse

QUEZON City Vice-Mayor Tito Sotto, chairman of the anti-drug abuse committee, said he has initiated the formation of the Anti-Child Abuse Foundation to bolster the city government's campaign against drug addiction.

Sotto said that the foundation, which will be headed by Ma Vic Simon, wife of QC Mayor Brígido Simon Jr., and Sotto's wife Helen Gamboa, will be funded by civic organisations and civic-spirited citizens.

The foundation, he said, will "check anything that will hamper the spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of the child."

Orphans, children abused by their parents, children who are victims of the anti-child labour law, and street children will be the beneficiaries of the foundation.

Sotto also said he has launched a search for the "Most Outstanding Youth Organisation (MOYO) as another step to check drug addiction (FPP).

Rebel informer found beheaded

A TRADER tagged earlier by the military as a rebel informer was found beheaded in Hagonoy, Bulacan.

The head of Leopoldo Panganiban was found in front of a warehouse in Barangay Sta. Monica, while his body was found a kilometre away at the foot of a bridge in Barangay San Augustin.

Panganiban was the fourth person to be beheaded by unidentified killers in the last couple of weeks.

Earlier, policemen found two heads at Horseshoe Drive in San Juan, Metro Manila. Later that day, the headless bodies of three unidentified men were found a few hundred metres away from each other in Fairview, Quezon City.

Sgt Rodolfo Deserto, desk officer of the Northern Police District, said the hands of the victims were tied behind their backs with electrical wire. Their bodies had stab wounds on the chests and backs.

He said the three, who had tattoos on their bodies, could have been killed because of gang rivalry.

Authorities urge control of 'jueteng'

CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro — Civic and religious groups here have deplored the helplessness of government authorities to combat the "jueteng" which they blamed for the rampant graft and corruption among local officials.

"Illegal gambling makes thousands of bettors here poorer but makes the gambling lords and some local officials richer," a community leader said.

He said five "jueteng" joints are operating in the province with three of them based in this capital town.

He added that gambling operators have been religiously "paying their weekly dues" to a relative of a top government official so that their operations go unhampered.

Aquino to visit Brunei

THE government said recently that the mechanics for the implementation of the multi-billion-dollar multi-nation aid plan is now being worked out and President Aquino is likely to visit Brunei to promote the assistance package for the country.

At the same time, the President appealed to all sectors not to resort to violence as she called on the church and other groups to collaborate against human rights violations "to give a better life for our people."

Mrs Aquino reiterated that fairness remains the hallmark of her administration and that there will be "no fear of undue influence on government by a favoured few, and no favour to a favoured few either."

Appeal

In a talk with Malacanang newsmen, the President said that talks are underway on her possible visit to Brunei to promote the multi-nation mini-Marshall plan and to appeal for international support for it.

However, she said she has not yet received a formal invitation for a visit to Brunei.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus confirmed that a Brunei visit is being planned and may be made next month, adding that an invitation would only be a formality.

Manglapus was earlier quoted in Bangkok as saying that the President may ask for Brunei's participation in the \$10 billion aid package being worked out by the United States.

Likewise, Manglapus told newsmen that a multi-country committee will lay down the mechanics for the mini-Marshall plan.

He said that the committee which is now being formed will be composed of representatives from potential donor countries, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the Philippines.

Manglapus pointed out that the committee will determine what scheme will be used. It will choose from several options including the World Bank mechanism and the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia (IGGI) model.

"I gave her (the President) some reports on the polysectoral plan. We are making some progress," Manglapus told newsmen.

Commenting on the pastoral letter of the Bishop Conference of the Philippines on alleged human rights violations, Mrs Aquino remarked: "This is



President Aquino with Aiza at Malacanang.

something we have to collaborate on — attack the problem at its roots."

She pointed out that the church group noted that the problem is a result of the 19-year-old insurgency.

"But I am also appealing once again to all not to resort to violence," Mrs Aquino said.

She pointed out that peaceful means should be used in resolving conflicts.

The President reiterated her administration's policy of fairness before a gathering of film industry people in Malacanang during which she was given the Golden Reel award for her help in curbing film piracy.

Mrs Aquino said that she will stick to her earlier pledge that no favours will be given by the

government to a favoured few as had happened in the past.

"That policy has its roots in our basic philosophy of justice, that people are entitled to the full compensation of their labours, and that it is the duty of the State to make sure that they get it," she stressed.

She pointed out that film piracy was a serious problem before because of government's favouritism for certain individuals and the practice of some groups to share the loot with government officials.

Light

Mrs Aquino said that such malpractice will no longer be tolerated.

The usual serious atmosphere in Malacanang changed that afternoon into a light mood, as the country's top movie stars

came to present the President with the Golden Reel award.

Departing from her serious meetings with top officials and foreign dignitaries, she met with Aiza Seguerra, the country's top child star.

"Gusto mo bang maging presidente paglaki mo?" Mrs Aquino asked Aiza.

"Mahirap p'bang maging presidente?" she asked back.

"Mahirap, pero mahirap din ang maging artista. Di, pareho na lamang," the President answered.

"O, sige na po!" Aiza nodded and the President and the crowd burst into laughter.

Mrs Aquino took Aiza to the Guest House where she holds office, telling her, "So you'll know when you become the president."

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The 51st state?

Trinidad Pardo de Tavera, Cayetano Arellano, Pedro Paterno, Leon Ma. Guerrero and Rafael Palma who all acquired key government positions. The present Federal Party fielded 70 official candidates nationwide during the 1984 elections for the Batasang Pambansa, all of whom lost. The failure of those who ran on the statehood platform was blamed on "well-entrenched nationalist self-serving politicians and the elite conniving with foreign multinational corporations who profit the most in an independent Philippine Republic by continuous economic control," as well as "the jealousies and fears of neighbouring countries at the progressive development of the Philippines as a state of the United States in Asia," as of course, the communists.

As a colony of the United States, Filipinos were considered neither aliens nor citizens, but "nationals." The US Attorney General held that Filipinos were not aliens "for they are not subject of and do not owe allegiance to any foreign sovereignty." Although they were not citizens, Filipinos "owe permanent allegiance to the United States, since they owe and can owe it to no other sovereignty." In a 1900 memorandum denying US citizenship to Filipino seamen, the State

Department declared that: "A man may be a citizen in one sense of the word, or from certain points of view, or for certain purposes, yet not in every sense nor for all purposes."

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But the blustering type of politician, he does things the slow but sure way. He is a seasoned politician, starting as a municipal councilor, then becoming vice-mayor, mayor and finally a three-term congressman. Moreover, the family is a closely knit one, so he can rely on his sister for support.

As head of the LDF, Mitra counts on the full support of most members of the House of Representatives, which is the wellspring of all monetary appropriation in the government.

It is expected, though, that many politicians will seek membership in the LDF as early as possible in order to get priority in the slot for elective posts.

In the Senate, the LDF stalwarts enjoy public respect and confidence, like Senators Neptali Gonzales, Alberto Romulo and

Heherson Alvarez to mention just three of the more outstanding ones.

A survey on the LDF was made among political bigwigs and some leaders in the private sector during the planning stage and the result was that 90 percent of the governors and mayors overwhelmingly favoured the merger of the PDP-Laban and Lakas ng Banwa.

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But with the stage now set for the establishment of the two-party system, it is expected that the respect and confidence of the citizenry in the country's political setup will be restored considering the long experience of the country with it.

It is predicted that once the LDF is fully organised, the other political parties will try to coalesce with either the majority or the opposition party.

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possible in order to get priority in the slot for elective posts.

It was not immediately clear if Ong's other relatives will resign.

The resignations came as

Comic schizophrenia

By Nestor Cuartero

DON'T be surprised if, one of these days, you'll hear that Tessie Tomas is suffering from an acute case of split personality. At the rate this super-minic changes personalities from serious to comic, from Medita to Kris Aquino (patterned after you know who), it seems so easy for Tessie to do just that.

In Sydney, Australia, last summer, stand-up comedienne Tessie admitted having had difficulty shaking off the Imelda Marcos character she played long after her scenes were shot. She said this was particularly true on days when critical sequences were taken.

She cried unabashedly for close to an hour after doing a particularly touching scene when Imelda had to face the Agrava Commission investigating the assassination of Benigno Aquino. Another scene, which left her crying a river, was the Marcoses' departure from Malacanang that crucial February of 1986.

These scenes are among the highlights of "A Dangerous Life," a six-hour television movie produced by Australia's McElroy & McElroy Productions in co-operation with Home Box Office of America. Set to premiere worldwide in October, the movie chronicles events — both real and fictitious — surrounding the four-day EDSA Revolution.

Tessie looks back to her few meetings with Mrs Marcos with fondness. "I even performed once during her birthday in Olongapo. She loves entertainment," she recalls. Like Imelda, Tessie is also Waray — from Cebu, Western Samar. She did not, however, get very close to Mrs Marcos.

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However, she's thrilled by her director Robert Markovitz's invitation for her to pursue a career in Hollywood after the screening of "A Dangerous Life." Markovitz impressed upon her the former advertising creative director the great chances Asian actors now enjoy in the world's film capital. Tessie mocks herself in Boni Buendia's thick Visayan accent (Boni's one of Tessie's 101 characters), squeaking unbelievably: "Gagawin daw kung internatinal actress, wow naman!"

By E.T. Suarez

MORE Filipinos want to work abroad despite reports of unfair labour practices and other forms of maltreatment from foreign employers, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said recently.

The POEA said this is reflected in the 7.9 per cent increase of the total number of Filipino overseas contract workers actually deployed last month.

Tomas Achacoso, POEA administrator, said last month's overseas workers reached a total of 40,900, of which 82 per cent or 33,471 were land-based and 18.2 per cent were sea-based.

"Market share for the Middle East registered 67 per cent of the total land-based," the POEA said.

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sion for her. Strange but true. I began to see her human side, how she was given to crying at the slightest provocation," Tessie says. "I became more sympathetic towards her, although my feelings about what the Marcoses did to the Filipino people have not changed at all."

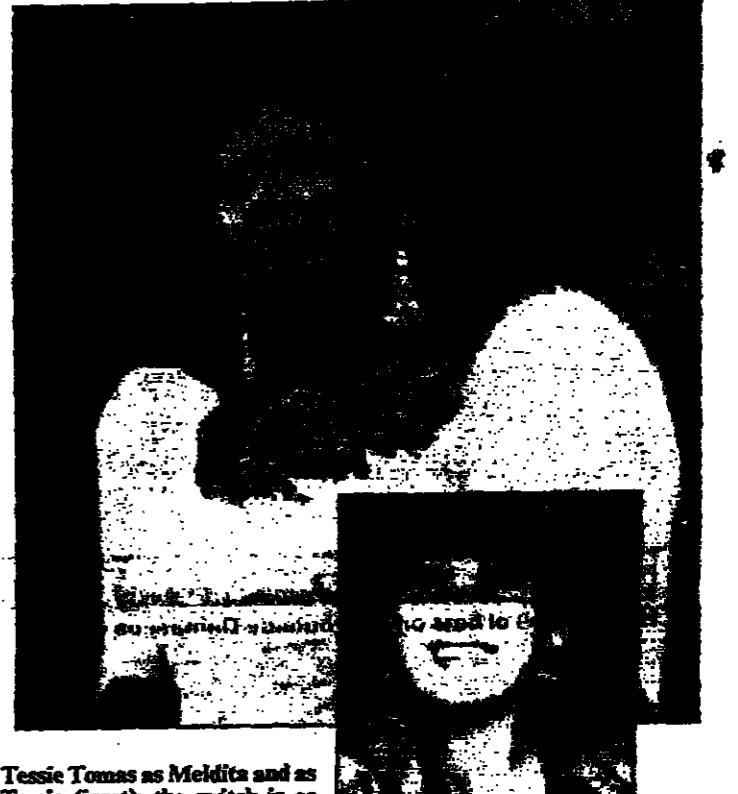
She thinks that by playing Medita, she is, effectively, constantly advertising Mrs Marcos. "I have become some sort of an alter-ego. I am actually perpetuating her image."

Mrs Marcos reportedly viewed a videotape of Medita and was amused by its humorous character sketches. Last year, there was a loyalist plan to stage Medita in Honolulu but like many loyalist affairs, this was quickly aborted.

Tessie's experience in "A Dangerous Life" changed her attitude towards her career and Imelda Marcos completely. The straight dramatic role gave her confidence that she could tackle the part of a real-life personality in all seriousness. What's more, she began to fully understand the character of the woman she had been playing.

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Tessie Tomas as Medita and as Tessie (inset); the switch is as easy as pie

Workers abroad

brought to 204,876 the number of those deployed overseas from January to May this year with the Middle East absorbing an average of 70 per cent or 140,718 of total land-based, and 58.4 per cent of the overall total during the period.

In the January-May period, the POEA reported that January registered the highest deployment at 49,881, of which 87 per cent or 43,530 were land-based and 12.7 per cent or 6,351 were sea-based.

February had 39,955 overseas contract workers deployed representing a decrease of 19.9 per cent over the previous month. March registered 67 per cent of the total land-based," the POEA said.

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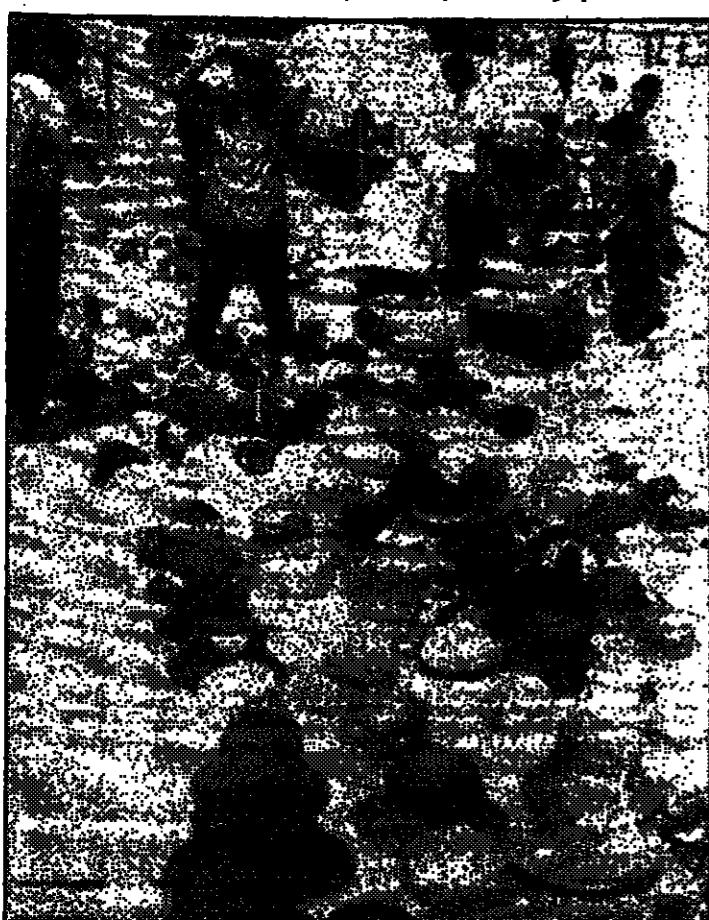
and 14.5 per cent or 5,823 were sea-based. The Middle East absorbed 75 per cent or 25,659 of the land-based.



LILIA FLORES stands in the rubble of the house of her friend that was levelled by the rupture of a hilltop water tank in southwestern Juarez, Mexico, on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FEDERAL marshals escort Libyans, accused of violating US economic sanctions against Libya, to a waiting van after a bond hearing in Alexandria, USA. Bond was set for five of the six charged including Mousa Hawamda, centre, who is suspected of possible involvement in a plot to kill former White House aide Oliver North. (Reuter wirephoto)



HUNDREDS of hats on sale outside Damascus Gate, in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem on the eve of Eid Al Adha. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARABS in traditional clothes look at youngsters enjoying a bumper-to-bumper ride in Al Ain's fun city, as a four-day holiday started yesterday marking the occasion of Eid Al Adha. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush answers questions concerning Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and the upcoming presidential campaign during a press conference at Milwaukee's Henry Mater festival grounds. At right is Sen. Robert Kasten. (Reuter wirephoto)



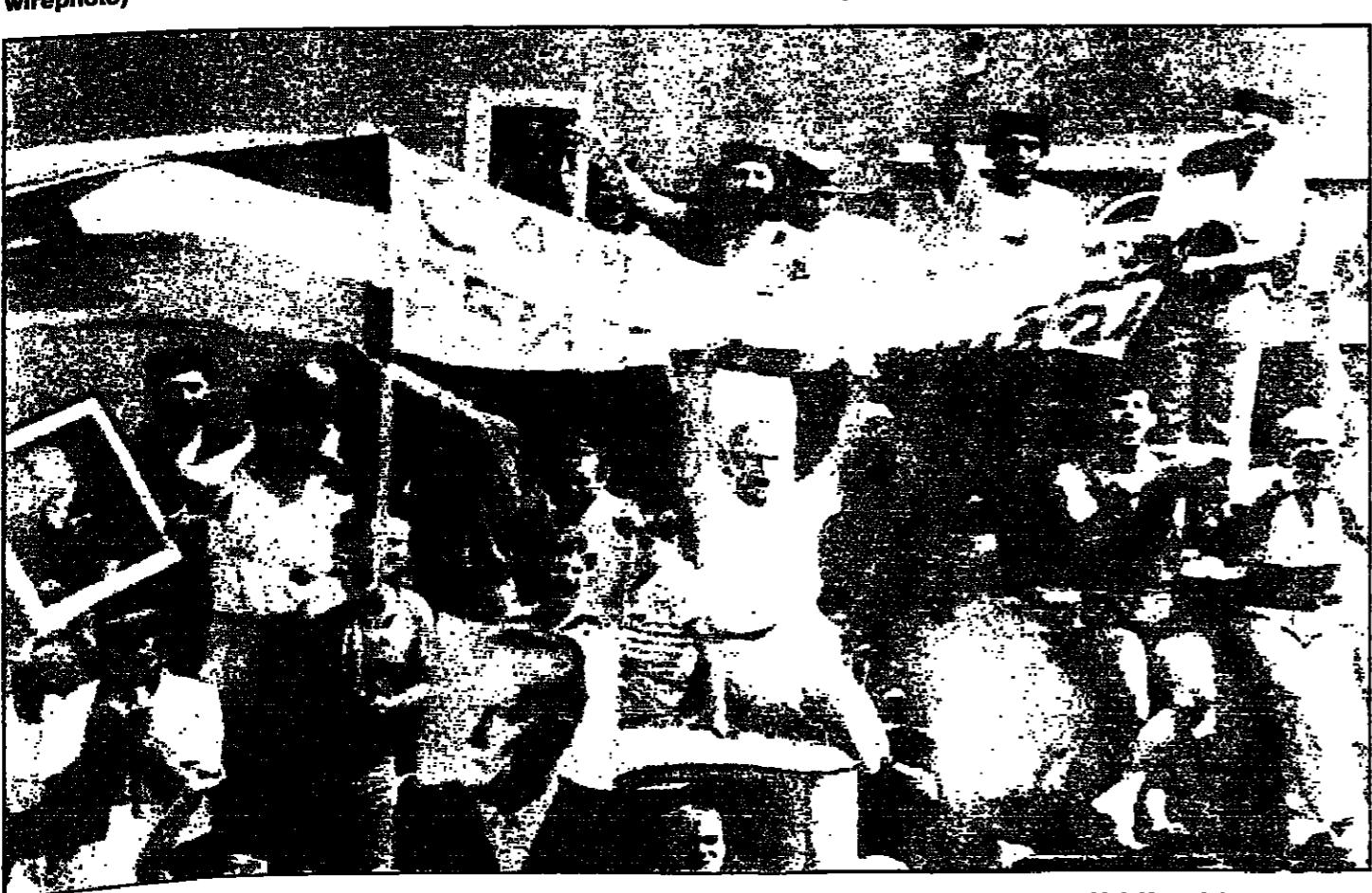
VIETNAMESE Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach (right) talks with newsmen, after arriving at Jakarta's international airport, as Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas (left) looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)



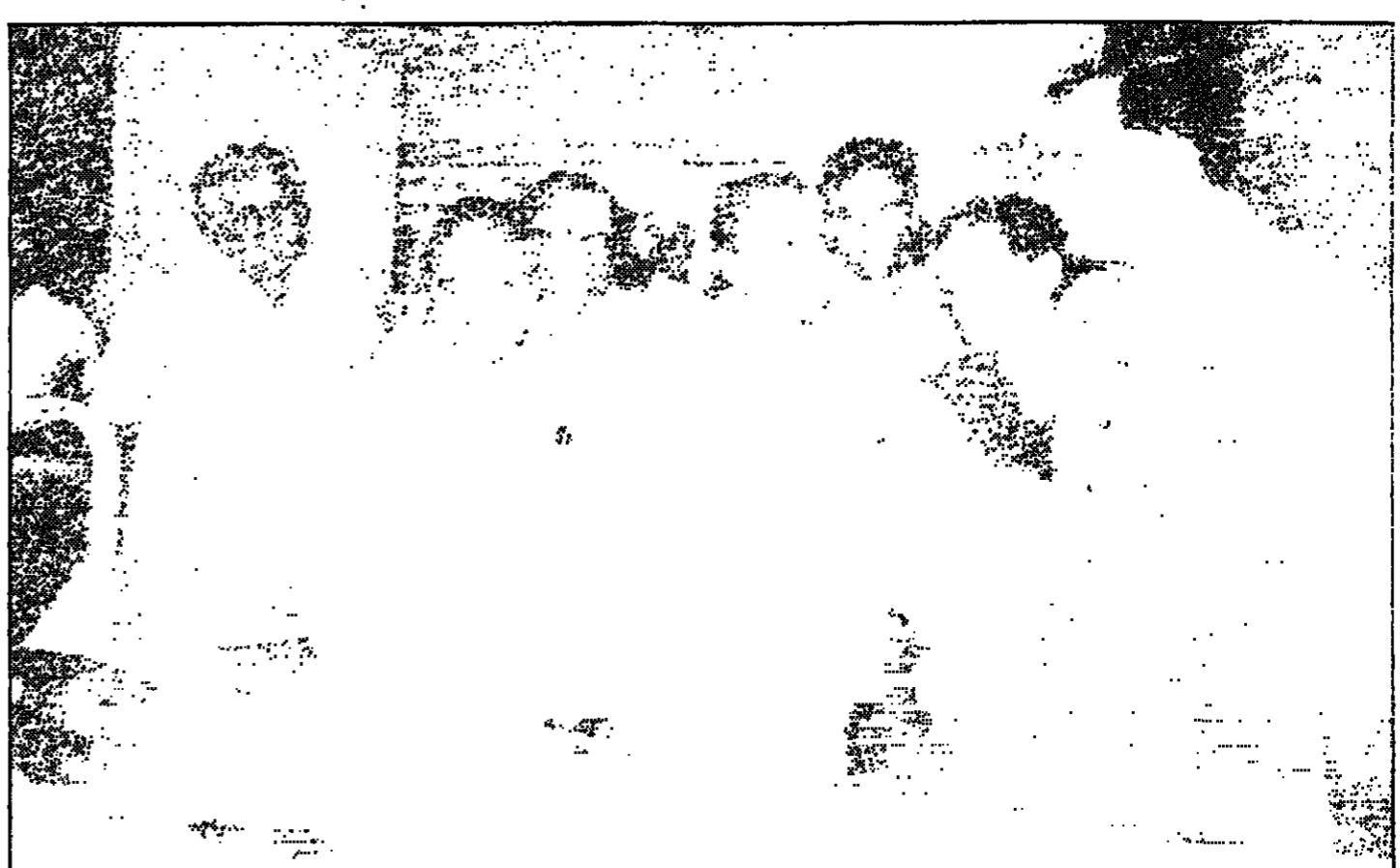
ROBERTO SUAREZ GOMEZ, known in Bolivia as 'King of Coke,' was arrested on Friday on an isolated ranch in the region of Beni near the Bolivian frontier with Brazil and faces two indictments in the US for trafficking and 12-year prison sentence in Bolivia for producing cocaine. (Reuter wirephoto)



WINNIE MANDELA (left) and other family members visited black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela in Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison yesterday. Nelson Mandela turned 70 last Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PROTESTING Serbs brandish picture of late Yugoslav leader Tito and Serbian language reformer Vuk Karadzic at a demonstration over regional powers. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDIAN Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (right) enquiring the condition of a young child stricken with cholera during a visit to the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital in east Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices again edge higher but in quieter trade

LONDON, July 23. (Reuters): Crude oil prices edged up another 25 cents a barrel on international spot markets yesterday to take net advances in a volatile week to just over \$1.50, traders said.

Towards the close of business in Europe, Brent crude, the most widely traded international crude, was quoted at \$1.58 a barrel—around 25 cents a barrel above levels seen at the same time on Thursday.

Prices leapt almost \$1 a barrel on Monday after Iran's acceptance of a year-old United Nations ceasefire resolution on the Gulf war.

Conflict

Although an end to the Iran-Iraq conflict, now in its eighth year, was expected to result in more crude hitting an already oversupplied market, traders took the view that it might also herald a new era for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

They speculated that an end to the war might lead to a more determined effort by the producers' group to shore up plunging crude oil prices.

As a result, the market eagerly awaited news about the OPEC price monitoring committee, which is expected to meet soon. But, despite rumours of a possible meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on August 3, no details have yet been settled.

Prices

On Thursday, a spokesman for the OPEC secretariat confirmed a meeting of the prices committee was being planned but said no date or venue had been fixed.

The five-member committee, comprising Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Venezuela and Algeria, can instigate a full meeting of OPEC if prices deviate too far from the group's \$1.8 a barrel reference price.

Despite this week's gains, crude oil prices are still well below the OPEC target.

Trading turned quiet on international markets on Friday with little fresh news to provide direction.

The benchmark US grade West Texas Intermediate was quoted 25 cents up at \$1.35 a barrel, while Dubai, the leading Middle East crude, also firmed 25 cents to \$1.40.

Indonesia records 34pc increase in exports

JAKARTA, July 23. (OPECNA): Indonesia's exports during the first quarter of this year totalled \$4.70 billion, an increase of about 34 per cent over the \$3.50 billion earned during the same period of 1987, Junior Minister of Trade Toni Ariwidjojo said at the weekend.

He said that non-oil exports accounted for \$2.50 billion compared to 1.60 billion during the same period of last year.

As a result of the government policy of deregulation and de-bureaucratization, about \$1.30 billion came from manufactured goods, he said.

Priority

He reiterated that the government would continue to give priority to the development of export-oriented industries under a programme to place manufactured goods next to oil and gas on the list of Indonesia's most important export commodities.

He said that the current drive to boost non-oil exports was also aimed at lowering the country's debt-service ratio which had reached a "critical level."

Iran, Turkey to step up trade ties

ANKARA, July 23. (OPECNA): The Turkish cabinet has endorsed an agreement which will increase the country's trade with Iran to \$1.80 billion in 1988.

The agreement was signed by the two countries in March at the end of a visit to Tehran by a high-level Turkish delegation led by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

The two sides agreed to step up technical and industrial cooperation in the framework of the economic cooperation organization, a regional economic grouping formed by Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

Iran is to export \$60 million worth of non-oil goods to Turkey this year, besides crude oil.

The agreement also provides for trade in chemicals, minerals, plastics, textiles, and machinery and spare parts.

GM profits surge

Wall Street finds many ways to lose

NEW YORK, July 23. (AP): Wall Street traders and brokers have been treated lately to a smorgasbord of just about everything that can go wrong in the investment game.

Bond traders have been pinched by an erratic rise in interest rates. Fanciers of high-technology stocks have seen their holdings take a drubbing.

Sluggish activity has left a big hole in brokers' commission income. And even the bears who thrive on weak markets got stung by selling short American depositary shares of Japanese stocks that they thought were poised for a fall, but went the other way instead.

Analyst

Stan Weinstein, publisher of the professional tape reader Investment Advisory Service, summarised it as "a neutral trading range market that has a serious case of the 'blahs.'

Heading into July, many stock

analysts were counting on earnings reports for the second quarter to give the market a lift.

True to expectations, results achieved by many companies for the April-June period have been impressive. Case in point: General Motors profits, up 54 per cent from the comparable period last year.

Activity

But the market chose to concentrate its attention on disappointing earnings at a succession of high-technology companies like Seagate Technology, Tandem Computers and Data General.

And rather than just dumping the shares of the company announcing the discouraging news, investors have responded each time by selling stocks throughout the high-tech sector.

The state of the overall stock market, meanwhile, received eloquent testimony from the second-quarter reports of bro-

kers themselves.

Charles Schwab Corp., operator of the nation's largest discount brokerage firm and thus considered a good gauge of activity by individual investors, said its volume of business was off 42 per cent from the second quarter last year.

Painewebber, a full-service firm that handles a lot of trading for the public, said its commission revenues fell 32 per cent. It barely cleared a profit for the quarter.

Dropped

With all that to set the tone, the stock market took its sharpest drop in more than three months this past week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 68.46 to 2,060.99, for its biggest decline since it tumbled 76.26 points the week of April 11-15.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped

4.10 to 149.55; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market lost 7.24 to 387.35; and the American stock exchange market value index was down 3.20 to 306.11.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 150.13 million shares a day, against 175.20 million the week before.

Normally in declining markets, at least the bears get a chance to feast by reaping profits on short sales.

This time-honoured strategy calls for borrowing stock from a broker, selling it, and then buying it back later at a lower price for return to the broker. The difference, minus commissions, goes into the short-seller's pocket.

Target

But it hasn't worked out that way lately for one recent favourite target of short-sellers, the Japanese stocks traded in this country in the form of American

depository receipts.

Many of these familiar names, such as Honda, Matsushita and Sony, rebounded from the 1987 crash this year to new highs.

Lately, they have been much discussed on Wall Street as a way to "play" a break in the Tokyo market, which by US standards has returned to very inflated levels.

However, it looks now as though the shorts were caught in a squeeze when the stocks failed to decline and they scrambled to buy stock to cut their losses. For example, Honda, which closed the previous Friday at 141, soared as high as 179 by Thurs-

Somewhere on Wall Street, there is presumably someone who safely traversed this minefield by owning the Japanese stocks and shorting the technology issues. But otherwise, few have happy tales to tell right now.

World Business Summary

Former E.F. Hutton broker sentenced

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, July 23. (AP): A former E.F. Hutton broker was sentenced on Friday to three months in prison and fined \$3,000 for his part in a money-laundering scheme at the firm's Providence office.

Brian J. Lareau, 46, could have been sentenced to six years in prison and fined \$6,000. Under a plea

bargain, prosecutors had recommended no more than six months in prison. In May, Hutton was fined \$1.01 million for its part in the scheme.

The penalty against the brokerage company, the maximum allowable, was the largest money-laundering fine ever collected by the government, US attorney Lincoln C. Almond said at the time. The illegal activity occurred before Hutton's acquisition last year by Shearson Lehman Bros, the merged company is known as Shearson Lehman Hutton. According to court documents, Lareau created a fictitious account with a fake social security number and used it to conceal a customer's money.

Another former Hutton broker, Stephen S. Fusco, was accused of helping organized crime figures launder illegal profits. Lareau and Fusco, who died two years ago of cancer, helped clients hide about \$1.5 million in cash from tax authorities and securities exchange commission, authorities said. Lareau admitted to laundering \$183,950 from August 1982 to October 1984. He worked at Hutton's Providence branch from 1980 to 1985.

Bulgaria and Turkey try to strengthen trade links

SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 23. (AP): Talks to boost lagging economic co-operation in trade, telecommunications and transport between Bulgaria and Turkey opened here on Thursday, the official BTA news agency reported. The talks were attended by Turkey's Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Tansug Bleda and Hristo Hristov, Bulgarian Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, the report said. The session was the second such gathering since May, when the same officials met in Ankara to discuss opportunities for a "positive promotion of bilateral economic relations. Relations between Bulgaria and Turkey have been strained since 1984 over Turkish complaints of an alleged Bulgarian campaign to force the assimilation of the 900,000-strong ethnic Turkish minority. The Sofia government denies the existence of an ethnic Turkish minority, claiming they are descendants of Bulgarians who were converted to Islam during 500 years of Ottoman rule. Relations between the two neighbouring countries have improved after a conference of Balkan foreign ministers was held last February in Belgrade, Yugoslavia's capital. At the meeting, Bulgaria and Turkey signed a protocol on the promotion of relations of good neighbourliness, friendship and cooperation. Under the protocol, an economic commission and a working group on political issues to settle the existing differences in bilateral relations were set up. In May, Warsaw Pact member Bulgaria and Turkey, which belongs to NATO, discussed co-operation in the struggle against terrorism and drug smuggling, and humanitarian issues in Sofia in a first bid

to improve bilateral relations.

Morocco and Indonesia sign economic pact

JAKARTA, July 23. (KUNA): Moroccan Minister of Trade and Industry Abdallah Azmuni today wound up a three-day state visit to Indonesia that was marked by the signing of the first commercial agreement ever concluded between the two countries. The agreement that constitutes the corner-stone of economic and commercial relation between the two countries will be followed, shortly, by the signing of an agreement on economic, scientific and technical cooperation. During his visit, Azmuni was received by President of Indonesia Gen. Suharto and conferred with Minister of Economy and Finance Radin Prawiro, Minister of Industry Hartarto and Minister of Transport Arwani Anas. Talks enabled the two sides to draw the balance sheet of economic and commercial relations between Morocco and Indonesia and to identify ways of upgrading cooperation in various areas. In this regard, they called for further mobilisation on the part of the two countries' economic operators to diversify and increase the declining level of their trade exchanges and worked out a programme for exchange of visits between Moroccan and Indonesian trade delegations. In the industrial sector, the two parties stressed the existence of various complementary sectors where practical actions can be contemplated. These sectors include the industries of wood, leather, mechanics and electronics in addition to small and medium industries in general.

Nigeria sets up oil trading firms with Chevron

LAGOS, July 23. (Reuters): Nigeria and Chevron, a major US oil company, have set up two oil trading firms to buy Nigerian crude, refine and sell products, according to Nigerian Oil Minister Kiliwana Lukman. Lukman told Nigerian reporters in Cotonou, Benin, on Wednesday after a meeting of an African oil group that the move followed the commercialisation of the government-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) this year. He named the two firms as Hyson, which he said was based in Lagos, and Calsonic, with headquarters in Bermuda. Lukman said Hyson was owned 60 per cent by the NNPC and 40 per cent by Chevron. A senior NNPC official said Hyson was currently buying 50,000 barrels per day (BDP) of crude oil from the NNPC. "Hyson refines this and sells to Calsonic for marketing abroad," NNPC deputy managing director Michael Olorunfemi said. Lukman said Calson was owned 51 per cent by the NNPC while Chevron held the other 49 per cent. "The idea is that this company will eventually be responsible for supply of (petroleum) products in most of West Africa," Lukman said. He said Nigeria would have about 100,000 BDP of products for export when a refinery under construction in Port Harcourt, in the South East, was completed at the end of 1988. It will be Nigeria's fourth refinery. The NNPC, which officials say is Africa's biggest oil corporation, was split into nine operating firms as part of the commercialisation programme announced last March.

Australian plan for free trade in services welcomed

GENEVA, July 23. (Reuters): GATT delegates said yesterday they welcomed an Australian plan for free global trade in services as a first blueprint of a final accord in the 105-nation Uruguay round of trade talks. Australia on Monday submitted a proposal to establish a set of international principles in sectors including banking, insurance, transport and consultancy.

The proposed rules, countries would have to treat foreign and domestic suppliers of services equally. Delegates praised the plan, but said they would have to consult their capitals before making detailed comments.

The four-day closed meeting of the negotiating group on services was part of the Uruguay round being held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The four-year talks were launched in September 1986. Mexico also put forward a proposal, the first by a developing country, urging special treatment for developing nations.

Under the Mexican proposal, there would be no automatic right to establish a service industry abroad, and developing countries would be entitled to an accelerated transfer of technology. Industrialized nations expressed strong reservations about Mexico's plan. Switzerland also submitted a revised plan for liberalizing trade in service industries through a series of bilateral or small-group negotiations on specific sectors. Other countries could then subscribe to these arrangements.

Food prices rise

Growth in personal income slows in US

NEW YORK, July 23. (UPI): Consumer prices increased as the growth in personal income slowed, the government said this week. In corporate news, Walt Disney's nephew stalked Polaroid Corp. and British tycoon Robert Maxwell launched a bid for MacMillan Inc.

Rapidly rising food costs sent consumer prices up 0.3 per cent in June, not quite as high as expected because aggressive markdowns on clothing and lower energy prices helped stem the rise, the Labour Department said.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics said food prices rose 0.7 per cent, led by a sharp 2 per cent increase for meat, poultry, fish and eggs.

Food prices increased 1.3 per cent in June and have risen 10.8 per cent this year, despite expectations that prices would drop as drought-stricken farmers took their cattle to market early rather than pay for expensive and scarce feed.

Inflation was held down in June by a 0.3 per cent drop in the

costs of clothing and 1.1 per cent lower gasoline prices as the summer vacation season began.

In other economic developments, personal income increased 0.8 per cent in the first three months of 1988, down sharply from a 2.8 per cent jump in late 1987 but still ahead of the inflation rate, the Commerce Department said.

In Burbank, California, Shamrock Holdings Inc. announced it has acquired nearly 8 per cent of Polaroid Corp. and has offered \$40 per share for all outstanding stock.

Shamrock is controlled by Roy E. Disney, nephew of famed animator Walt Disney. Polaroid had no comment on the takeover offer.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, camera and film manufacturer has attracted several suitors in part because of the preliminary judgement it won in a patent-infringement lawsuit against Kodak.

Edward Evans, MacMillan's chairman and chief executive officer, said both offers would be reviewed by MacMillan's board.

Analysts were divided on whether a bidding war is on the horizon for the New York publishing company.

"More likely, MacMillan management will concede defeat and invite other parties in and sell

to the highest bidder," said Bert Boksen, an analyst at Raymond James and Associates, of St. Petersburg, Florida.

A senior vice-president and broker at Gruntal and Co., a Wall Street brokerage, was indicated in an insider trading scheme involving the 1986 Wainbaum Inc. takeover, federal officials said.

In New York, Maxwell Communications, led by British media mogul Robert Maxwell, entered the bidding fray for MacMillan Inc. by offering \$80 a share, or about \$2.06 billion, for the publishing company.

The offer comes just days after the Robert M. Bass Group Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas, sweetened its bid for MacMillan to \$75 a share, or about \$1.75 billion.

Giuliani said Maxwell learned on Nov. 26, 1986, from a client, a member of the Walden family, that the grocery chain was about to be sold to the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

In Dallas, federal regulators approved the acquisition of Fort Worth-based Texas American Bancshares Inc. and National Bancshares Corp. of San Antonio by Minnesota banker Carl R. Pohlad, requiring \$475 million in federal assistance.

McGraw-Hill Inc. spokesman Mary McGeechey said on Thursday that the company was investigating Business Week's entire operation from its editorial staff to its four printing plants, to determine whether market-sensitive information was being leaked in advance of publication.

Bhargava also observed that at the present yen rate, it was uneconomic to continue relying on imported components.

However, conditions had to be created so that manufacturers were given sufficient incentives to set up component manufacturing units.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the company held here yesterday, Suzuki has been asked to subscribe to additional shares since it has exercised its option to increase equity in the company from 26 to 40 per cent.

Suzuki is expected to make this subscription very shortly.

On the plus side, indigenization of components had brought

about cost reduction of the order of Rs 13,500.

Alshall stock price indices

Peace hopes buoy share prices

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 43.81 points with an increase of 4.27 points over last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.87 points with an increase of 1.77 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 129.08 million shares at a daily average of 25.82 million shares with an increase of 138 percent over the previous week's daily average of 10.84 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 47.16 million shares at a daily average of 9.43 million shares with an increase of 135 percent over last week's daily average of 4.02 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD39.645 million at a daily average of KD7.929 million, an increase of 159 percent over last week's daily average of KD 3.065 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD4.242 million at a daily average of KDO.848 million an increase of 129 per cent over last week's daily average of KD 0.370 million.

The market was very active especially during the second half of the week following the news that Iran accepted the ceasefire unconditionally according to UN Resolution 598. The activity was fully reflected in both markets on the three indices prices, trading volume and value. The trading volume registered its highest daily record for the past four years and the current year as the traded volume exceeded 84 million shares on Tuesday, the day immediately after the ceasefire announcement.

However it declined to less than one half of this level on the following day, Wednesday.

The Kuwaiti shares price index made a record gain of about 10.8 per cent since the week ended on March 11, 1987, which preceded the splitting of Kuwaiti shares.

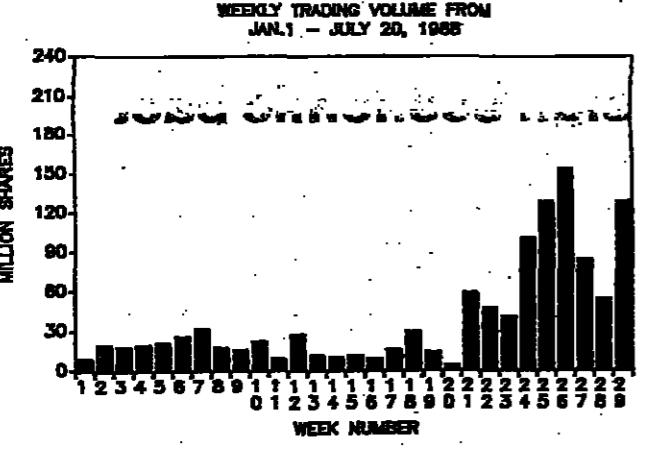
For Kuwaiti shares, the banking sector had the lead at 53.7 per cent of total traded volume of which the Commercial Bank had 24 percent, Burgan Bank 22 per cent and Gulf Bank 14 percent. The services sector came second at 24.8 per cent of total trading volume, of which Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. had the lead at 61 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone System at 25 per cent and Kuwait Computer Co. 8 per cent.

Third came the investment sector at 13.2 per cent of which Investment Pearl of Kuwait had the lead at 44 percent followed by Kuwait International Investment Co. at 25 percent, and National Investment Co. 19 percent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the financial sector had the greatest share in the traded volume at 89.8 per cent, with Coast Investment and Development Company having 65 percent of total trading of Gulf shares market, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 15 per cent, then Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 9 per cent.

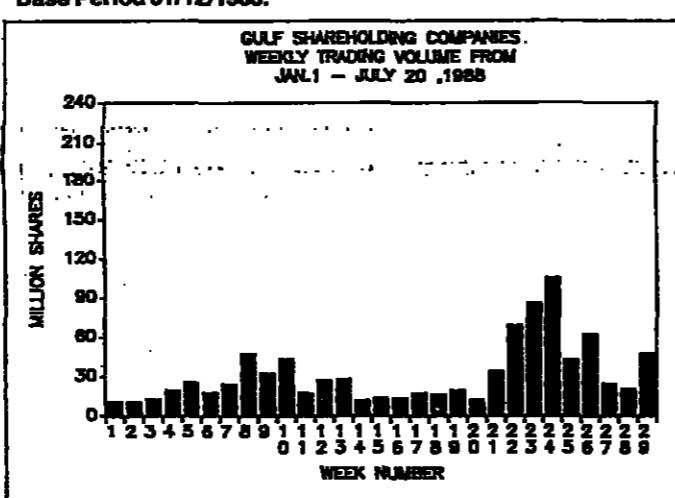
We believe that Iran's decision to end the war will have a positive effect in all fields for both the medium and long-term. However, the actual increase in share prices which has experienced immediately after the ceasefire news was made public, is exaggerated. We believe that share prices will fall again but will reach a price level higher than before the ceasefire decision.

Kuwait shareholding companies Index

	Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
	20/07/88	13/07/88	points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	105.51	89.28	16.23
The Gulf Bank	36.46	32.73	3.73
The Commercial Bank	28.31	24.82	3.49
Al Ahli Bank	39.41	35.56	3.84
Kuwait & M. East	36.84	33.33	3.51
KUWAIT SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN 1 - JULY 20, 1988			
			

Kuwait R. Estate Bank	36.51	34.13	2.38
Burgan Bank	32.21	28.24	3.96
Kuwait Finance House	77.10	68.79	8.31
Sector Index	49.63	43.50	6.13
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	34.53	32.32	2.20
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	30.93	29.21	1.72
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	90.48	85.71	4.76
IFA	80.88	73.53	7.35
Commercial Facilities	122.50	116.25	6.25
Sector Index	44.82	42.01	2.81
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.77	36.97	3.81
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.92	26.15	0.77
Al Ahliya Insurance Co.	52.16	47.74	4.42
Warba Insurance Co.	80.76	74.74	6.01
Sector Index	41.15	37.92	3.23
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	29.82	28.55	1.27
National Realty	12.51	12.06	0.45
National Real Estate	43.80	41.01	2.79
Sector Index	22.15	21.12	1.03
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	16.36	1.02
Refrigeration Indust.	88.94	88.94	—
Gulf Cables	110.04	104.90	5.14
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	96.89	84.44	12.44
Sector Index	36.08	34.13	1.96
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	205.20	198.72	6.48
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	93.94	87.88	6.06
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	40.95	39.95	1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	390.48	376.19	14.29
Sector Index	72.43	68.49	2.94
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.79	45.16	1.63
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	85.81	83.61	2.20
Kuwait Food Co.	74.71	70.11	4.60
Sector Index	43.47	41.84	1.64
Overall Index	43.81	39.53	4.27

Gulf shareholding companies Index		Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
		20/07/88	13/07/88	points
Financial Companies				
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—	
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—	
Bahrain Internat. Bank	95.17	92.41	2.76	
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	81.63	5.69	
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—	
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	110.48	97.14	13.33	
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—	
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	55.30	53.79	1.52	
Sector Index	65.73	63.49	2.24	
Other Companies				
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—	
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—	
Fujairah Cement	11.84	9.21	2.63	
Ras Al Khaimah W. Cement	26.11	25.00	1.11	
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—	
Sector Index	16.62	15.98	0.76	
Overall Index	49.87	48.11	1.77	
Base Period 31/12/1983.				



US steel firms post highest profit in a decade

PITTSBURGH, July 23: The US steel industry, posting its highest earnings in a decade, earned more than \$500 million in the second quarter, analysts said.

Citing hefty prices and strong demand, they estimated that the US's six largest steelmakers earned at least that sum, compared with slightly better than break-even results a year earlier. Both periods include non-steel earnings and are adjusted for one-time items, according to the Wall Street Journal.

An early signal came on Wednesday when National Steel Corp., the nation's No. 6 steelmaker, reported that net income rose 6.5 per cent to \$19.6 million in the second quarter from \$18.4 million a year earlier. National is a joint venture of National International Inc. of Pittsburgh and NKK Corp. of Japan.

Results

And Thursday, No. 4 Inland Steel Industries Inc. said second-quarter earnings jumped more than fourfold, and No. 5 Armco Inc. posted a 12 per cent increase. Industry leaders USX Corp. and Bethlehem Steel Corp. are scheduled to release their earnings next week. No. 3 LTV Corp. hasn't indicated when it will release its earnings.

Though the second-quarter results may reflect the industry's peak this year, executives nonetheless are growing increasingly confident about the second half.

In fact, while steelmakers expect shipments and production to slip a bit, the balance of the year, few foresee a major correction.

Demand

"We're much more optimistic about the market today than we were a month or two ago," said John B. Corey, Armco's chief economist and strategic planner. Since mid-May, for instance, Armco has boosted its forecast of 1988 industry shipments to 79 million tons from 76 million tons.

Corey said Armco believes demand has plateaued at a fairly high level after several months of

boost prices for sheet steel at the beginning of the year. Distributors said the move undercut efforts by USX to put through a similar round of increase in October.

Inland said second-quarter net was \$79.9 million, or \$2.27 a share, compared with \$17.5 million, or 44 cents a share, for the year-earlier quarter. The earlier quarter included a tax credit of \$4.1 million.

Sales rose 24 per cent to \$1.05 billion from \$845.1 million.

Surged

Six-month net surged 80 per cent to \$143.5 million, or \$4.06 a share, from \$80 million, or \$2.43 a share. The latest half included a tax credit of \$13.2 million; the earlier half included a tax credit of \$5.8 million.

Sales increased 25 per cent to \$2.01 billion from \$1.61 billion.

Armco's second-quarter net was \$40.4 million, or 44 cents a share, compared with \$36.2 million, or 46 cents a share, a year earlier.

The latest quarter included a

revenue charge of \$15 million related to Armco's financial-services group. The earlier quarter included a \$14.7 million tax credit.

The average number of shares rose to 87.4 million from 74.6 million.

Sales climbed 15 per cent to \$826.7 million from \$719.5 million.

First-half net fell 4.8 per cent to \$84.4 million from \$88.7 million. The latest half included a \$42.8 million pre-tax gain from an accounting change and one-time charges of \$30 million related to the company's financial-services group and the closing of certain Latin American operations; the earlier half included \$56.4 million in tax credits.

Sales advanced 8.9 per cent to \$1.45 billion from \$1.45 billion.

As reported, National Inter-group's net for the first quarter ended June 30 more than doubled to \$9.5 million. In addition to steel, National Inter-group has interests in oil and pharmaceuticals.

During 1987, Venezuelan oil production capacity was maintained at a level of 2.57 million bpd, incorporating an increase in the proportion of light and medium crudes which became available during the year.

Natural gas production in the year amounted to 99 million cu. metres daily, of which 31 million cu. metres was re-injected into the reservoirs and 59 million cu. metres used domestically and in oilfield operations.

Exports

The company's total equity at the end of the year, comprising paid-up capital, reserves and retained earnings, amounted to \$24.63 billion.

The report says that total crude output last year averaged 1.53 million bpd with 259,000

PDVSA profits rise

CARACAS, July 23, (OPEC-NA): Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan national oil company, recorded a net profit of \$1.32 billion last year compared to \$1.09 billion in 1986, according to the company's 1987 annual report.

Revenues for the year amounted to \$10.93 billion with operating expenses totalling 2.47 billion and capital expenditure, including investment in a new joint refining and marketing venture abroad, standing at 1.66 billion.

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(Abdul Aziz Yousaf Al Issa Co.)

Bethlehem said it plans to

announces the above bidding. Contractors specialised in this field may

Election will not affect Reagan's world trade proposals: US official

WASHINGTON, July 23, (AP): Proposals by President Ronald Reagan's administration to reduce trade barriers will remain on the table no matter who wins the November US presidential election, a government official said yesterday.

The statement follows similar ones on Tuesday on the administration's effort to co-ordinate domestic and foreign economic policy among seven major governments: the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

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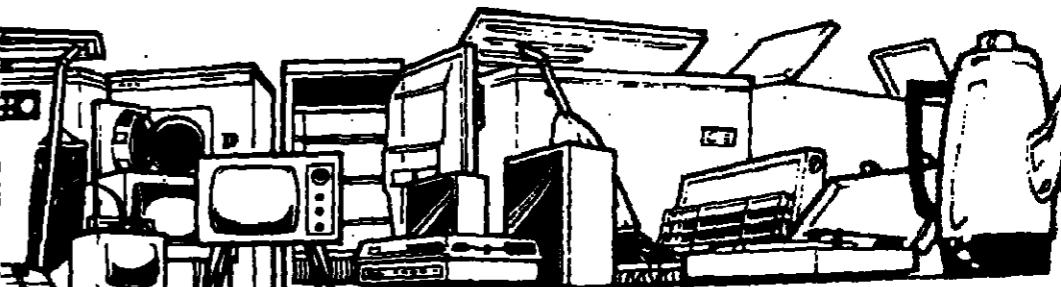
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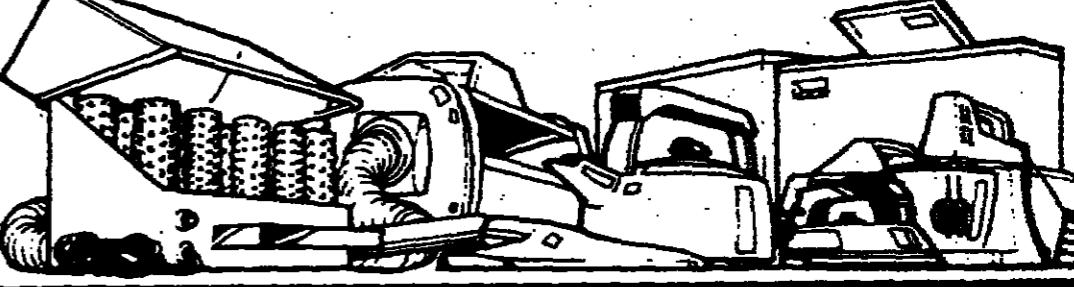
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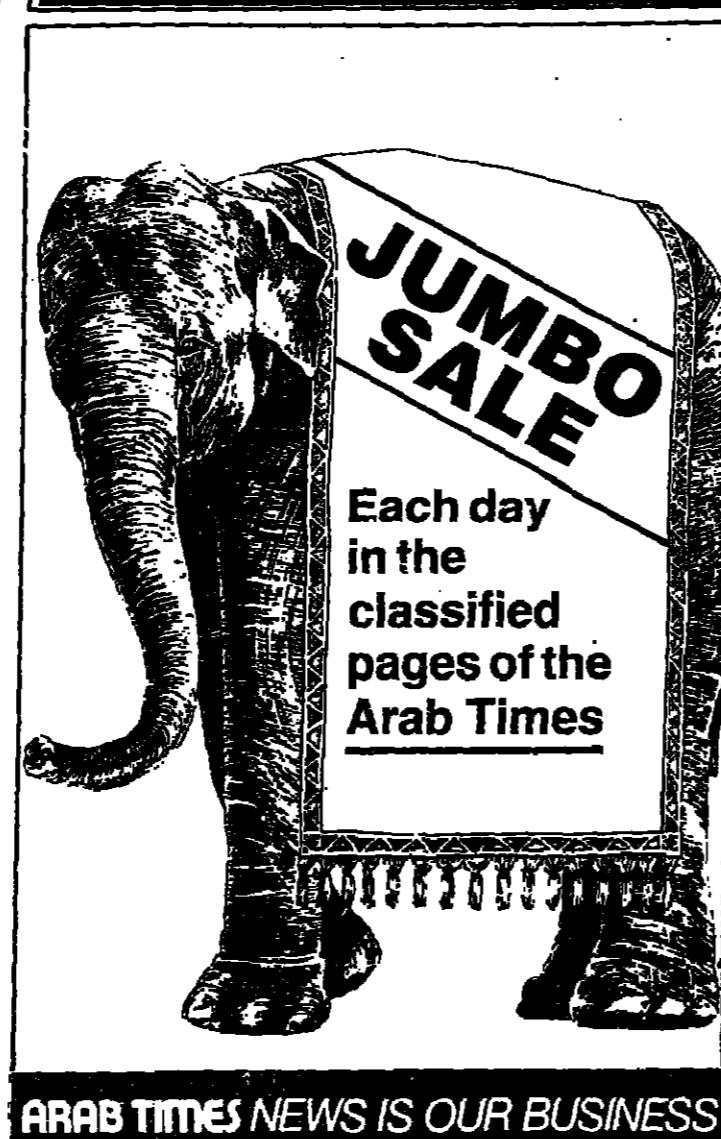
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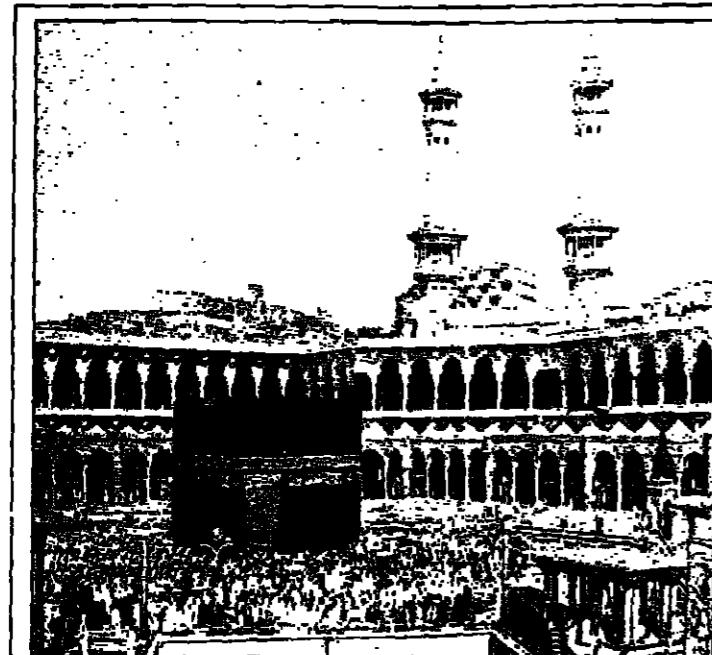
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FOSTER SEEKS TO QUALIFY FOR GAMES

Griffith-Joyner hunts 200m record

Johnstone takes lead in Dutch Open

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 23. (Reuter): An adjustment to his putting technique helped Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe shoot 66 and move into the halfway lead with a 10-under-par 134 in the Dutch Open golf championship yesterday.

The former South African Open champion made eight of wind and rain to fire six birdies. He is one stroke ahead of Britain's Mark Roe, also round in 66, with Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal, winner of last month's Belgian Open, shooting 67 for third place on 136.

American Andy Bean, originally one of the favourites for the \$71,000 first prize, drove out of bounds to take eighth at the par-four sixth but birdied the last two holes to be home in 32 for a 73 and 143.

Running
Mark McNulty, who will go back to the top of the European money list if he wins, had a 69 for 139 but it was fellow Zimbabwean Johnstone who made the running after holing two 20-footers for birdies in the last three holes.

He explained: "Yesterday I missed three putts in a row after getting too involved with technique on the greens. Today I concentrated on the hole and I had eight single putts."

Roe, taking pain-killing pills to combat back trouble dating from a boyhood high diving accident, also altered his putting stance and had 11 single putts and seven birdies.

Olazabal would have overtaken both of them had he not missed five times from inside 12 feet.

Overnight leader Andrew Murray slipped to a 76 for 141, while British compatriot and defending champion Gordon Brand Junior is on 139 after a 69.

Brooks hits 6-under-par for top spot

CROMWELL, Conn., July 23. (Reuter): American Mark Brooks shot a six-under-par 65 for a two-round total 131 and grabbed a one-stroke lead after 36 holes at the Greater Hartford Open golf tournament yesterday.

Brooks, 27, had six birdies and no bogeys to move past over first-round leader Roger Malibut of the United States and compatriot Clark Burroughs, who were tied at 132.

"I hope the next two days continue like the last two have gone," Brooks said. "My swing has gone through a simplification process this year. I've played well at times, but haven't had that big round on Sunday."

Qualifying
The most unlikely hero of the day was Burroughs. A rookie on the Tour, the 26-year-old golfer finished 11th at the national qualifying tournament to earn his exemption. Entering this tournament, he had played in 17 events and earned just \$17,804. His best finish was a tie for 27th.

Burroughs' 68 included an eagle at the par-four, 453-yard second hole, where he held a seven iron from 197 yards.

"I hit my seven iron, it rolled, and then it went in," Burroughs said. "It was kind of wild."

"I've never been in this situation before (near the lead). I've never been in the interview room before today," Burroughs said. "I'm not really nervous about the weekend. One thing playing out here has taught me is that all the players are human, too."

Three-way tie in US Open

BALTIMORE, July 23. (Reuter): Americans Juli Inkster and Dottie Mochrie joined first-round leader and compatriot Liselotte Neumann in first place after the second round of the US Women's Open golf championship yesterday.

Neumann, who shot a four-under-par 67 on Thursday, had a 72 yesterday with just one birdie, to leave her at 139 for the two days.

The trio are two strokes ahead of Americans Vicki Fergen and Tammy Green.

Inkster, who shot a 71 on Thursday, used three birdies on the front nine yesterday to help her post a 68.

Sole
Mochrie, who shot a 70 for the first round, missed taking over sole possession of first place on Friday, when she had a bogey on the 18th hole to finish with a 69.

"This is the most consistent round of golf I have played in the past two or three months," Mochrie said.

The winner will receive \$70,000 and the runner-up \$35,000.



Griffith-Joyner coasts along after setting a new US record. (Reuter wirephoto)

INDIANAPOLIS, July 23. (Reuter): Florence Griffith-Joyner is looking for a world record while Greg Foster is just hoping for a three-top finish this evening when they help bring down the curtain on the US Olympic trials.

Griffith-Joyner ran the eighth fastest 200 metres ever — 21.77 seconds — in yesterday's quarterfinals for a US record and promised her second world record in eight days.

"If I just run through the tape (200 metres) record will come," said the brightly clad Californian, who set the 100 metres record of 10.49 seconds on the trials on July 16.

Foster took the cast off his broken left arm and gave his all in surviving two rounds of the 110 metres hurdles.

Clocked

The two-time world champion won his first-round heat in 13.58 seconds and then clocked 13.69 seconds to finish third in the quarterfinals.

The times were a far cry from Foster's best performance — 13.03 seconds — but they enabled him to advance to today's semifinal of the event.

A good time there would put him in the final, where the 1984

Olympic silver medalist must finish in the top three to make the US team for Seoul.

"The pain was a lot more noticeable than it has been in the last week," said Foster, who broke the arm July 4 during a routine workout in California.

"I feel okay the first three to five hurdles, then the arm took over my sense of pain. That threw my sense of timing off. By the fifth hurdle it was like not using my arm at all," Foster said.

Roger Kingdom who defeated Foster for the 1984 gold, had the fastest time in the quarterfinals — 13.34 seconds.

Tonie Campbell also ran well, clocking 13.35 seconds in the first quarterfinal race.

World record holder Renaldo Nehemiah, continuing his comeback, also made it to the semifinals. He ran 13.72 seconds for third in his quarterfinal after an opening-round time of 13.65 seconds.

The United States decided its Olympic team in three events during yesterday's session, and the women's 100 metres hurdles produced a surprising winner.

Jackie Humphre, running the time of her life, clocked 12.88 seconds to upset US co-record holder Gail Devers-Roberts and Powell had a best of 62.54 metres.

Lavonna Martin, Devers-Roberts ran 12.90 seconds and Martin 12.93 seconds.

Benita Fitzgerald-Brown, the 1984 Olympic champion, failed by one-hundredth of a second to make the US team and Kim Turner McKenzie, the 1984 Olympic co-bronze medalist, was fifth in 13.01 seconds.

Brian Abshire won the 3,000 metres steeplechase in eight minutes, 23.64 seconds as he outran Olympians Henry Marsh and Brian Diemer.

Lynn Nelson led the last 7,000 metres and grabbed first place in the women's 10,000 metres in 31 minutes, 51.27 seconds.

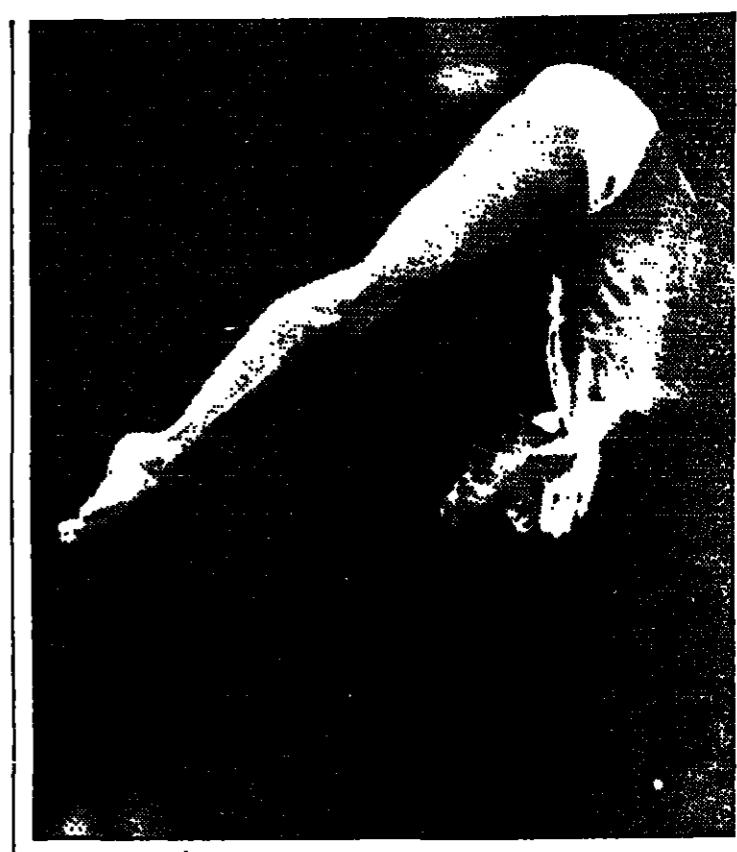
Bounded

Francie Larrieu Smith and Lynn Jennings joined her on the US team.

Earlier, Jackie Joyner-Kersee took one jump in qualifying for the women's long jump and bounded 7.22 metres to advance to today's final.

Also going for the spot on the 1988 US team today will be Mac Wilkins, the 1976 Olympic discus champion, and four-time Olympian John Powell.

Wilkins threw 63.86 metres in yesterday's qualifying and Powell had a best of 62.54 metres.



Louganis: beaten into 2nd place by Bradshaw

Neyer clinches 15th US springboard title

IRVINE, California, July 23. (AP): Former 3-metre springboard world champion Megan Neyer of the United States won the women's 1-metre finals yesterday at the US Diving Outdoor Championships, her 15th national springboard title.

Neyer, also the winner of yesterday morning's preliminaries, received 481.74 points for the 10-dive programme.

Kim Fugget, of Ohio, was second with 448.29 and Mary Fischbach of Iowa third with 444.06. Fugget, Fischbach and Wendy Lucero, who finished fifth, are former national champions.

Trained

"I felt good and was steady," Neyer said. "I love the 1-metre. I haven't trained for it a lot this year, so that makes this win especially rewarding."

Neyer won her world title in 1982, but failed to qualify for the 1984 Olympics.

Lured

The League sought the injunction to stop the top clubs negotiating independently with the Independent Television (ITV) network, fearing that they would be lured away to form a Super League, leaving smaller clubs struggling.

But First Division club chiefs

are now recommending that all 74 clubs in the League should accept a shared ITV deal worth £44 million (£76.6 million) over four years which will be discussed at the League meeting next month.

The meeting will also consider

a rival, £35.8-million (£62.3-million) bid from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and British Satellite Broadcasting which has the backing of the League management committee.

Exciting

West Ham manager John

Lyall said: "David is what I

would describe as a natural

player with plenty of flair and

will bring a lot of exciting action

to the club."

Lyall said he expects a decision

from England international

Tony Cottee by Monday. The £2

million marksman is being pursued by Arsenal and Everton.

Recife win

LIMA, Peru, July 23. (AP): Sport Recife of Brazil defeated Alianza Lima of Peru 1-0 in a Libertadores Cup elimination-round soccer match last night.

The Brazilian team, from the city of Recife, managed just 1 goal during the second period a tough against Lima opponent, No. 2 in Peru.

The teams will square off in the next Group 5 tourney action

scheduled to be played in Brazil.

Hoerner sets year's best time in 100m breaststroke

POTSDAM, East Germany, July 23. (Reuter): European champion and world record holder Silke Hoerner set the fastest 100 metres breaststroke time this year on Friday, the fourth day of the East German Swimming Championships.

The 22-year-old Leipzig sports student came under intense pressure from Annett Rex, who had swum the previous season's best, but managed to reclaim her crown in one minute 8.74 seconds, just under a second short of her world record.

Hoerner is also the European 200 metres breaststroke champion and took the silver medal

in the men's 3-metre springboard preliminaries. Mark Brad-

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shew used a strong final dive to edge two-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis.

Training Louganis by 4.02 points after 10 dives, Bradshaw was awarded 66.33 points with a reverse 1-1-2-somersault with 3-1-2 twists. Louganis received 60.90 for his final dive, a reverse 3-1-2 somersault.

Bradshaw, of Ohio, got 650.28 points for his 11-dive programme while Louganis, of Florida, got 648.87. Ron Meyer of Louisiana was third among the 12 qualifiers with 632.07.

Preliminary points do not carry over to the finals, set for today.

"I didn't dive in the 1-metre and felt rested and ready to go," Bradshaw said. "It will be easier to dive better tomorrow because there will be fewer divers and everything will go quicker."

Louganis won the 1-metre springboard competition Thursday night.

The US outdoor is the last major meet before the Olympic trials, scheduled Aug. 17-21 at Indianapolis. Divers finishing in the top eight in the 3-metre springboard and 10-metre platform events automatically qualify for the trials and earn berths on the national team which will compete in Europe and Australia this winter.

The women's 3-metre springboard finals were also set for today. The meet concludes tomorrow with the platform fin-

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The lone surprise in the

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platform world champion Wendy Wyland of Florida failed to qualify. Wyland finished 14th in the 35-woman field with 380.01 points, three behind the final qualifier, Reyne Borup of New Jersey.

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SPORTS**PRINGLE TRANSFORMS FOURTH TEST****England strike back against W. Indies**

LEEDS. England. July 23. (Reuter): Scorer Derek Pringle, whose England performances have often drawn stinging criticism, today transformed the fourth Test against West Indies into a genuine contest by producing the most incisive bowling of his international career.

He collected three wickets in the space of 16 balls on the third day as England matched their formidable opponents for the first time in the five-match series.

But even Pringle found himself upstaged by the dismal English summer. Only 100 minutes play was possible after heavy overnight rain delayed the start by three hours and then a torrential downpour forced a premature close.

Advanced

In that time West Indies, replying to England's first innings 201, had advanced from 156 for five to 238 for eight.

Pringle exploited the humid conditions to good effect to finish the day with five for 73. The only other time he has taken five wickets in a Test innings was against West Indies on their 1984 tour.

His first success of the day ended a gritty sixth-wicket stand of 38 between debutant Keith Arthurton and Roger Harper.

BOWLING**Atlas take Kabayan to task**

ATLAS International Corporation dominated the lanes in the first and third games to beat Kabayan Restaurant in the 9th round of games in the Palarong Pilipin Bowling '88 at the Club 300 on Friday.

In the first game Atlas won by 811-660 while the third game ended 854-619 in their favour. Atlas lost the second game by only 16 pins, 753-769.

For Atlas the top scorers were Henry, Mac Ampalayo and Bobby Bautista with 513, 541 and 473 respectively. They were well supported by Egay Cruz with 314, Ric Belen 308, Buddy Putungan 155 and Bien Dantes 114.

Held

In the other games held on Friday, Halid Ligaya-Abughos Int'l thrashed Kuwait Airways 4-0. Al Nakset were held to a 2-2 draw by Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba), Oriental Trading demolished Alghanim 4-0 and Mobil Oil tamed Kay & Associates 3 1/2-1/2.

In the 200 Club competition so far, Jimmy Tadima is at the top with a score of 279 followed by Sammy Begonia 258 and Pete Valisino is in third place with 255. There are a total of 15 players in the 200 Club.

On Friday, Atlas Int'l meet Alghanim Freight, Halid Ligaya take on Kay, Kabayan Restaurant meet Mobil Oil, Kuwait Regency Palace face Kuwait Airways and Al Nakset confront Oriental Trading.

which had threatened to give the touring side, already 2-0 up in the five-match series, a firm grip on the match.

Arthurton, growing in confidence after a nervous start, edged an outswinger to wicket-keeper Jack Richards when he made 27.

Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose followed in quick succession during a spell when England also should have removed Harper.

He edged a ball from Neil Foster, who bowled well but without luck, at comfortable catching height between England skipper Chris Cowdrey and Bill Athey in the slips.

A brilliant catch at second slip by Graham Gooch accounted for Marshall for three at 210 and Pringle completed his good day's work by trapping Ambrose leg before for eight at 222 just before tea.

Meanwhile, Allan Lamb has promised to limp out to help England's cause — provided he can stand without crutches.

Lamb was forced to retire hurt yesterday after tearing his right calf muscle while hitting a fluent 46. England then tumbled from 183 for four to 201 all out.

But, despite being forced to hobble around on crutches for



Pringle: five for 73

the rest of the day, Lamb refused to count himself out of the game.

The South African-born batsman said: "I'm going to have more treatment and just hope that if I can put some weight on my right leg and I'm needed I will

be able to go out and bat.

"I'm disappointed and depressed about all this because we had just got ourselves into a nice position and I feel that I let the side down.

"But the problem was I coul-

dn't stand. If I could have stood, I would have stayed out there."

England physiotherapist Laurie Brown said the injury could take two to three weeks to heal completely so Lamb looks likely to miss the final Test at the Oval starting on August 4.

Lamb said: "When I played the ball square I was up on my toes and my feet were at an angle. As I started off for the single I felt my leg go, but thought it was cramp for a moment and kept running. Then it just sort of locked and I knew it wasn't cramp."

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 201 (A.)	
Lamb 64 retired hurt	
WEST INDIES first innings (overnight 64 for five)	
D. Haynes lbw b Pringle	54
J. Davison c Smith b Dilley	13
C. Hohns c Foster b Pringle	19
V. Richardson c Curtis b Foster	18
G. Logie c Foster b Pringle	44
K. Armitage c Richards b Pringle	27
R. Harper not out	31
M. Marshall c Coombes b Pringle	3
C. Ambrose lbw b Pringle	8
W. Benjamin not out	7
Extras (1b-14)	14
Total (for eight wickets)	238
Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-61 3-97 4-137 5-194 7-210 8-222	
To bat: C. Walsh	
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Bowling to date: Dilley 15-5-46-1, Foster 30-5-97-2, Pringle 20-6-73-5, Cowdrey 1-0-8-0.

Marsh sees Kent past Northants

LONDON, July 23, (Reuter): Kent beat Northamptonshire by one wicket with two balls to spare yesterday to consolidate their position at the top of the English county cricket table.

Set 288 in three and a half hours for their eighth championship win of the season, Kent got home with Steve Marsh (38 not out) pushing the winning single off the fourth ball of the last over.

Graham Cowdrey, brother of New England captain Chris Cowdrey, hammered 49 off 41 balls with three sixes, carrying on the good work started by Trevor Ward (59) and Chris Tavaré (37).

Earlier, the home side declared at 223 for three, Wayne Larkins hitting an unbeaten 112 with a six and 16 fours.

Today Kent were at home to Worcestershire who moved into second place with a 21-run victory over lowly Yorkshire at Worcester.

Pushed

Worcester's sixth win of the season seemed increasingly unlikely when Yorkshire pushed on towards a target of 270 in 67 overs with their first individual century of the summer — a well-paced 106 in three and a half hours by Martyn Moxon.

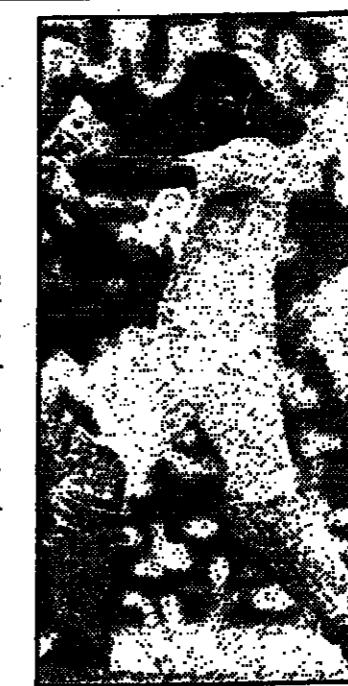
The deposed England opener seemed to be timing the victory charge to perfection when putting on 71 with Phil Robinson (33), but the last five wickets fell for 40 after Richard Illingworth (four for 82) had him caught at long-off.

Worcester jumped from fourth place, leapfrogging Essex and Lancashire who both drew.

Lancashire finished level with Surrey after failing to grab the singles they needed from the last three balls of the match.

It was a remarkable finish with Wasim Akram on 98 and Lancashire on 271 for seven, having been set a target of 272 in 70 overs.

Wasim knew he could complete his century only by hitting a boundary and tried to slam Ian



Wasim: hit 88

Greig's fourth ball over deep mid-wicket, only to be superbly caught by David Ward.

Jack Simmons faced the next ball and could not lay his bat on it as it flew down the legside. Umpire Jack Hampshire refused to make a bye out of it, was run out by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Lancashire slipped to fourth 45 points behind Kent and 10 behind Worcester.

Standings

English County Championship cricket (table after yesterday's results (tabulate after played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):						
Kent	13	8	3	2	33	40 201
Worcester	13	6	2	5	29	41 166
Essex	14	5	4	5	38	42 160
Lancashire	14	5	3	6	27	41 156
Sussex	13	5	3	4	26	42 149
Warwickshire	13	4	2	5	25	38 133
Leicestershire	13	4	2	5	30	39 132
Gloucester	14	4	4	6	33	35 132
Northants	13	4	4	5	26	39 129
Middlesex	14	4	3	7	27	35 126
Surrey	12	3	3	6	29	40 117
Somerset	12	3	3	6	25	35 116
Derbyshire	13	3	2	8	35	27 110
Nottinghamshire	12	2	6	4	15	38 105
Yorkshire	12	1	7	4	19	40 75
Sussex	12	1	7	4	19	40 75
Glamorgan	12	0	4	8	22	27 49

strong Anglican Church, shared umpiring duties with former Sussex and England player David Sheppard, now bishop of Liverpool.

Runcie's team, the Select XI, included several Australians, among them sports enthusiast Archbishop of Melbourne David Penman. McLachlan's team was the Diocesan XI.

The match had to be abandoned because of pouring rain.

This evening the 525 bishops, representing 164 countries, arranged to attend a service in Canterbury Cathedral to mark the millennium of Christianity in Russia.

Heavyweight clash

BARI, Italy, July 23, (UPI): European heavyweight boxing champion Francesco Damiani and American Tyrell Biggs will clash Sept. 10 in a bout which could provide an opponent for undefeated world champion Mike Tyson, organisers announced yesterday.

MISL team

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, Ohio, July 23, (AP): The Cleveland Force, which has been the most successful franchise in the Major Indoor Soccer League in recent years, yesterday became the fourth MISL team to fold since the end of the 1987-1988 season.

Senior's golf

TURNBERRY, Scotland, July 23, (AP): Gary Player of South Africa shot a second round four-under par 66 to retain the lead of the £150,000 (\$270,000) British Seniors' Open golf tournament yesterday.

Juventus player

TURIN, Italy, July 23, (Reuter): Juventus have signed midfielder Rui Gil Soares do Barros from Porto de Portugal, the Italian soccer club announced today.

Rui Barros, 22, has a four-year contract and will join Wales striker Ian Rush and Michael Laudrup of Denmark as the side's third foreign player.

W. German soccer

BONN, July 23, (Reuter): West German First Division soccer resumes today.

Cologne 1 Bayreuth 1

St Pauli 1 Bochum 1

Stuttgart 1 E Frankfurt 1

Bayer Munich 3 Karlsruhe 3

Hertha Berlin 2 Hamburg 2

Borussia M 4 Kaiserslautern 1

Played yesterday:

Borussia D 1 VFB Stuttgart 1

Waldhof Mann 1 Bayer Leverkusen 1

Anglican clerics break debate to play cricket with a woman

CANTERBURY, England, July 23, (Reuter): Anglican bishops, holding their international Lambeth conference in Canterbury, took a break from debate over the ordination of women to play cricket today — with a woman.

The Reverend Sheila McLachlan, chaplain of Kent University where the three-week conference is being held, batted against the bishops.

"Maybe I'm helping to break the stereotype picture of the woman in holy orders," McLachlan, one of the first women deacons ordained in England, said.

A meeting of the national council of the committee said after considering the findings that all national federations should adopt uniform sanctions against drug-abusers and abide by a standard list of banned substances.

The report was drawn up by a commission of inquiry set up in January after newspaper allegations of widespread doping, particularly among athletes.

A senior national trainer had also charged that instances of doping had gone unpunished because officials were anxious for victory.

CONI president Arrigo Gattai said the commission had not been given a mandate to investigate individual abuses.

"We simply asked it to make a photograph of the reality. The photograph that has perhaps turned out is blacker than we expected," he told a news conference.

Decided

The national council of CONI, which oversees all Italian sporting federations, decided that an International Olympic Committee (IOC) list of banned substances should be the basis for all federations.